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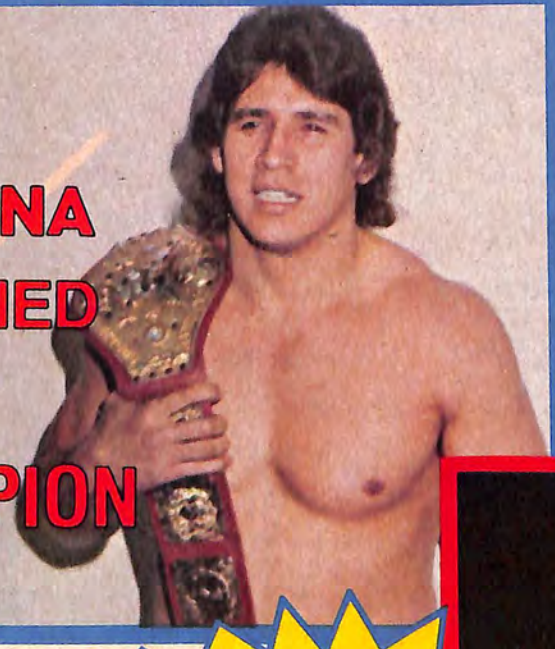

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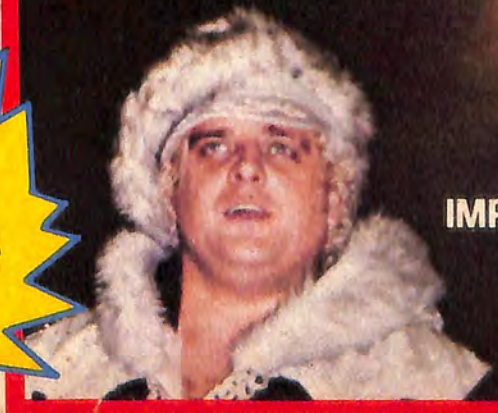

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TITO SANTANA TODAY'S SUPERSTAR

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CROWD APPEAL, SKILL, PERSONALITY — THAT SPELLS SANTANA

Some people are just born superstars. That's all there is to it. They have all the natural ability in the world, and they are cinches to be a surefire success. It's easy to spot these athletes. They stick out like a sore thumb.

There are only a handful of them who arise over the years. In baseball, Willie Mays was a natural superstar. In football, there was Joe Namath. In basketball, Walt Frazier was a natural. In wrestling, it looks like the next superstar in going to be Tito Santana.

Tito is just 25 years old and, although he's only been wrestling for two years, he already has illustrated his natural abilities. He moves with the grace of a leopard, and his upper-body strength compares to such men as Ivan Putski and Mil Mascaras. He also has youth on his side.

Having established himself as a star at such a young age, the future is unlimited for Tito. He has already held the tag-team championship of the Worldwide Wrestling Federation, and he has fought against nearly all the top contenders in the world.

Clearly, Tito is destined to be the world's heavyweight champion. The astonishing aspect of Tito Santana, however, is his popularity. More and more, Tito is developing into the number-one wrestler on the fan's popularity list. Just recently in Madison Square Garden, Tito had the crowd on their feet yelling and applauding him. A warm relationship has apparently developed between the fans and Tito Just what is it that makes Tito Santana so popular? *Wrestling Revue* has journeyed out into the vast arenas to attempt to answer this question.

Tito heads back to the dressing room after another impressive triumph.

When asked why she admires Tito so much, Teresa Venditti of Bergen County, N.J., replied, "I've been a wrestling fan for 15 years and I have never seen anyone just like him. He is Bruno Sammartino, Mil Mascaras, Dusty Rhodes and Chief Strongbow all rolled up into one. I just love him."

While at the Philadelphia Spectrum, *Wrestling Revue* asked one devoted fan, Jon Koeningsberg, who his favorite wrestler in and he also replied, "Tito Santana. Man, that Mexican sure has it all! I just know it won't be long before he captures the solo crown. He already has the tag-team belt."

We asked Stacey Nissen what she thought it was that makes Tito so popular and without hesitation she answered, "His body." She said that she thinks he is the cutest guy she has ever met. Every person we interviewed agreed on on thing, though; Tito is number one.

It is obvious to us from our extensive interviews that Tito Santana is indeed reaching the top of the popularity scales. In today's Worldwide Wrestling Federation, it appears there are only two other wrestlers equal to him in popularity--Bruno Sammartino and Dusty Rhodes. Whether or not it is

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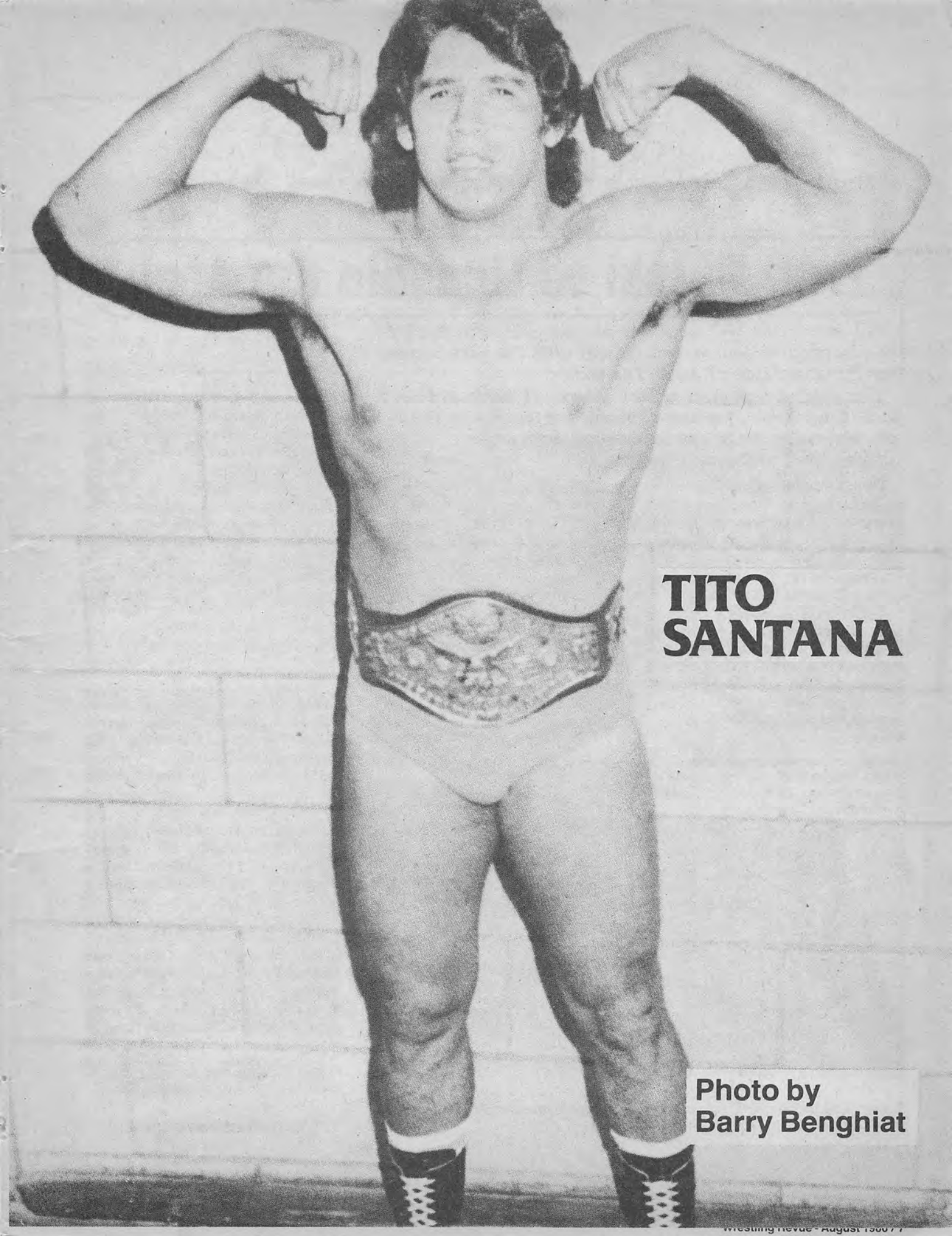

TITO SANTANA

Photo by
Barry Benghiat

DAN'S MAGIC CAMERA

Photos by DAN KAMINSKY

Ivan Putski vs Hussain the Arab

This month Dan concentrated on what we consider to have been the most gruelling bout so far in the year 1980. The battle between Ivan Putski and Iran's Hussain The Arab.

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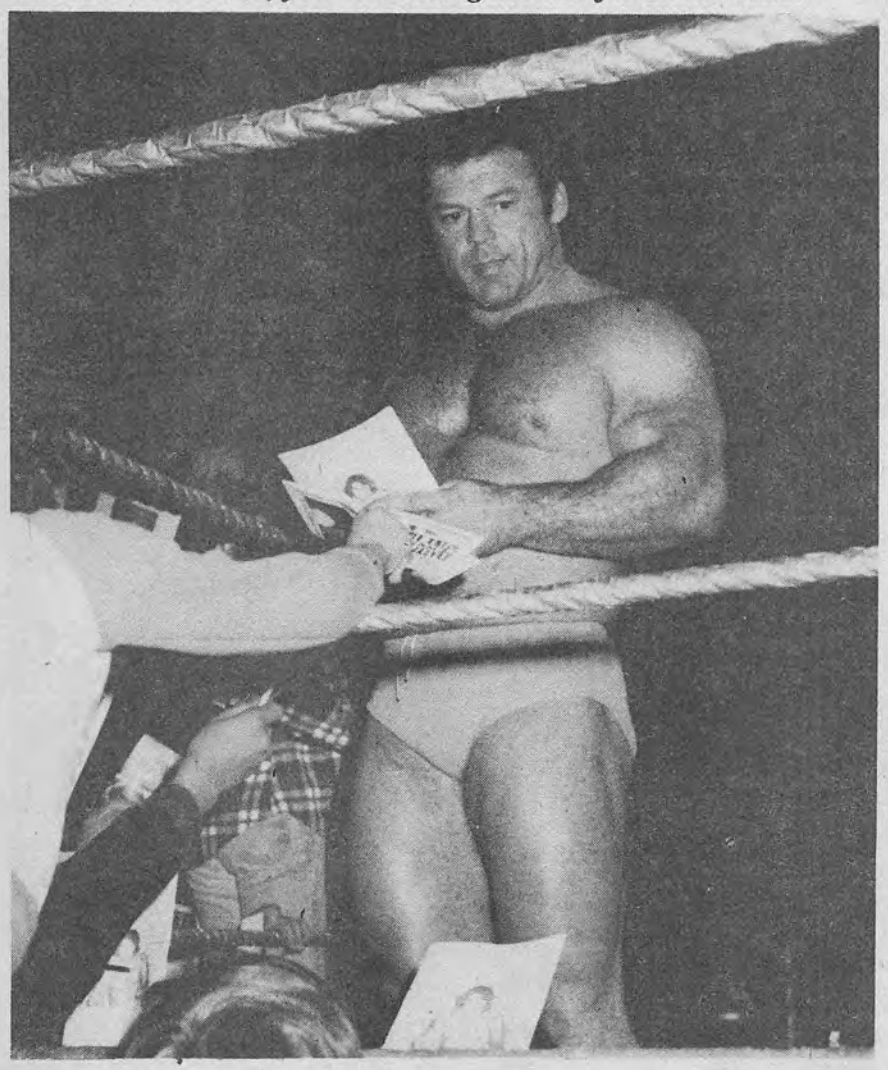
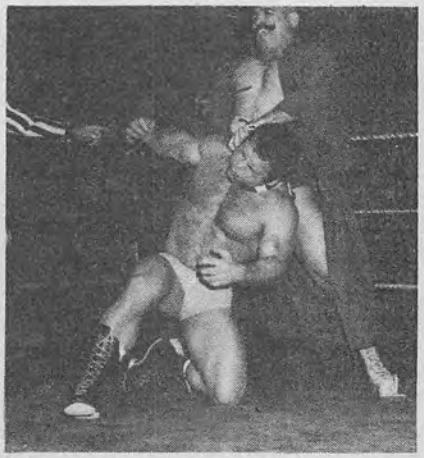
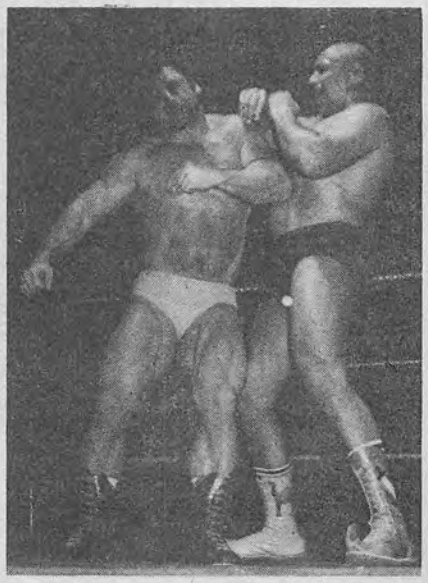


Crowd favorite Ivan Putski signs autographs prior to the brutal brawl. He looks very confident.



Hussain tries to render Putski unconscious via the strangulation route before the opening bell has even sounded.



Putski escapes and smashes the Iranian madman with a shoulder block.

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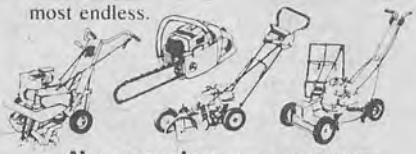

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THE CHAMPIONS:

National Wrestling Alliance —
Harley Race
Worldwide Wrestling Federation —
Bob Backlund
American Wrestling Alliance —
Nick Bockwinkle
National Wrestling Federation —
Antonio Inoki
World League Wrestling —
Lars Anderson

THE CHALLENGERS:

1. Bruno Sammartino
2. Dusty Rhodes
3. Mil Mascaras
4. Andre The Giant
5. Pat Patterson
6. Spyros Arion
7. The Bruiser
8. Superstar Billy Graham
9. Jack Brisco
10. Giant Baba
11. Billy Robinson
12. Mike Graham
13. Verne Gagne
14. The Sheik
15. Ken Patera
16. Terry Funk
17. Hulk Hogan
18. Abdullah The Butcher
19. Ivan Koloff
20. Ed Carpentier
21. Don Leo Jonathan
22. Thunderbolt Patterson
23. Ole Anderson
24. Pepper Gomez
25. Tommy Rich
26. The Crusher
27. Ernie Ladd
28. Ray Stevens
29. Paul Jones
30. Dory Funk Jr.
31. Dick Slater
32. Dick Murdock
33. Bruiser Brody
34. Ivan Putski
35. Gorilla Monsoon
36. Rene Goulet
37. Ricky Steamboat
38. Steve Kiern
39. Bill Watts
40. Jerry Brisco
41. Greg Valentine
42. Roddy Piper
43. Mark Lewin
44. Tiger Jeet Singh
45. Wahoo McDaniel
46. The Superstar
47. Tim Woods
48. Tony Atlas
49. Mr. Wrestling II
50. Jumbo Tsuruta
51. Mighty Igor
52. Gene Kiniski
53. Ox Baker
54. Bobo Brazil
55. Mad Dog Vachon
56. Larry Zbyzsko
57. Dino Bravo
58. Fred Curry
59. Les Thornton
60. Pat O'Conner
61. Bob Duncum
62. Stan Hansen
63. Cowboy Bob Ellis
64. Jim Brunzell
65. Toru Tanaka
66. Gene Anderson
67. Chava Guerrerro
68. Greg Gagne
69. Ron Miller
70. Luis Martinez
71. Rocky Johnson
72. Jerry Lawler
73. Don Muraco
74. Peter Maivia
75. Ric Flair
76. Davey O'Hannon
77. Dr. Jerry Graham
78. Charles Buffong
79. Killer Kahn
80. Big Bad O
81. Tony Marino
82. Bad News Alan Cooage
83. Austin Idol
84. King Curtis
85. Steve Travis
86. Haystacks Calhoun
87. Victor Rivera
88. Kevin Sullivan
89. Tor Kamata
90. Bulldog Brower
91. Jim Garvin
92. Dos Caras
93. Johnny Valiant
94. Chief Jay Strongbow
95. Larry Sharpe
96. Ted Dibiase
97. Jack Veneno
98. Tarzan Tyler
99. Swede Hansen
100. Sonny King

TAGTEAM RATINGS

1. Dusty Rhodes & Andre the Giant
2. The Samoans
3. Lars and Ole Anderson
4. Giant Baba — Jumbo Tsuruta
5. Antonio Inoki -- Strong Kobiyashi
6. The Sheik & Abdullah the Butcher
7. Mike Graham and Steve Kiern
8. Mil Mascaras & Dos Caras
9. Jack & Jerry Brisco
10. Ivan Koloff -- Alexis Smirnoff
11. Tiger Conway Jr. & Jose Lothario
12. Ivan Putski & Tito Santana
13. Toru Tanaka -- Killer Kahn
14. Kevin and David Von Erich
15. Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell
16. Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon
17. The Assassins
18. Jimmy Snuka & Ray Stevens
19. Tony Atlas & Ray Candy
20. Mr. Sato & Mr. Saito
21. Buddy Rose & Christ Colt
22. Dr. Jerry Graham and Jerry Jr.
23. The Superstar and Austin Idol
24. Gorilla Monsoon and Dominic DeNucci
25. Steve Travis & Kevin Sullivan
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'A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK'

The story of Bob Orton Jr.

Text and photos by GENE GORDON

There is an old maxim that says, "The Apple doesn't fall far from the tree" — which is another way of saying "a chip off the old block". Either way, it fits Bob Orton Jr. to a T.

One of the biggest crowd-pleasers in action today, Bob's father, Bob Orton Sr., was one of the top mat stars for over two decades, starting in the early years of the 1950s.

Well, Bob Jr. and his younger brother Barry are now rapidly gaining recognition, and appear to have the know-how and appeal to become top names in their own right.

Bob is presently wrestling for All-Star Wrestling Association, home-based in Knoxville, Tenn. He is the current Southeast Champion and also holds the Southern States Tag-Team Championship with his brother Barry as his partner.

Bob Jr. has been an outstanding athlete all his young life. In high school, he gained athletic honors — chosen All-State four times, in three different states, as his family moved around and named to the high school All-American football team twice.

Since becoming a professional wrestler, Bob has held a number of different championships, including The United States tag-team title with partner Dick Slater; he held the Georgia state title; the Florida NWA and Southern heavyweight titles.

He has issued numerous open challenges on TV and in print to Ron Fuller of the Southeastern Wrestling Association.

Orton has put it like this:

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Terry Griggs is taking a pounding from Bob during their match at Strawberry Plains, Tenn.

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BATTLING THE BAD GUYS HAS BECOME A DIFFICULT TASK FOR BOB BACKLUND...

AFTER TWO YEARS AS WWF CHAMPION, HAS BACKLUND HAD ENOUGH?

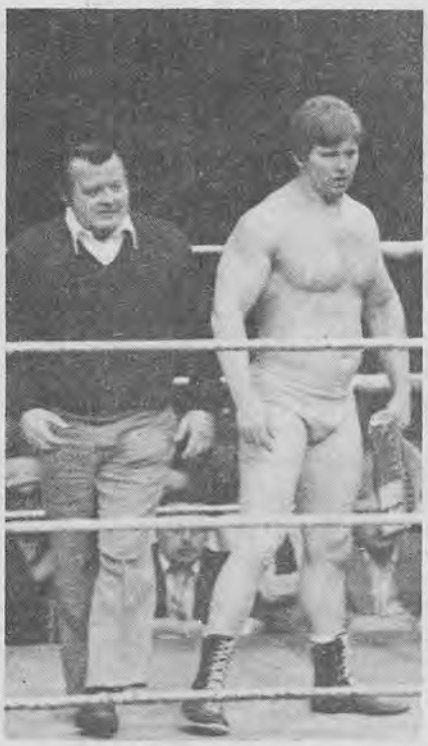
Story and photos by ART DEMAREST III

The large, massive rulebreaker is trapped from behind. He looks for an escape, but there is none. He is lifted high into the air on the shoulders of his captor. The man, representing law and order in the wrestling world, circles the ring triumphantly with his victim. The sellout crowd, who have come solely to watch this man wrestle, is on its feet shouting his name.

Bob goes to one corner of the ring and the fans know the end is near for his opponent, who has brought a plague to the WWF. The champ signals his captive's doom, and the crowd's roar is deafening. The evil man, who has caused so much grief in the area, is flung up in the air and slammed across the champs knee so hard that he bounces back up, a contorted look of pain twisted across his gruesome face.

As he lands, the champ casually lies across the beaten hulk and the ref counts off the fatal toll of three, the fans knowing the count could go to a thousand. The champ rises quickly as he celebrates another victory by raising his hands in the air and shouting loudly. As he jumps around the ring wildly, his fans rock the arena. As he is handed his gold belt, his manager runs to him and they embrace, another challenger defeated and embarrassed.

That's a scene many fans on the East Coast wish they'd see more of. That exciting scene is becoming more and more scarce, as the months go by. It seems that throughout the year 1979, and into the early months of 1980, Bob Backlund's challengers for the title have gone more than one decisive bout or more; each time ending in a count-out, disqualification, time-limit draw or stoppage of the bout due to too much blood.



Bob and manager Arnold Skoaland eye their opponent of the evening as Bob removes his championship belt.

Since turning pro, the N.C.A.A. champion hasn't had an easy time in pro wrestling. He felt tension and trouble brewing even before he entered the WWF. The three rulebreaking managers put a ban on Backlund, not letting him wrestle any of the men in their stables. Each man feared Bob's enormous reputation.

He had been a college pro and former Missouri champion — which has been a stepping-stone to a major world championship for almost all of its holders. But, with the help of the marvelous WWF fans, who wanted their newly found sensation to go all the way, they lifted the ban and Bob's career skyrocketed.

He was soon defeating everyone. The fans took the Minnesota native to their hearts, much as they did with Bruno. Everyone predicted Bob Backlund would be the next WWF champion, as Superstar Graham was the longest rulebreaking champion to ever hold the WWF belt. They felt the end was near for Billy.

Even Bruno said, in an inteview months after his loss to Graham: "Well, Art, I'd have to say that the man

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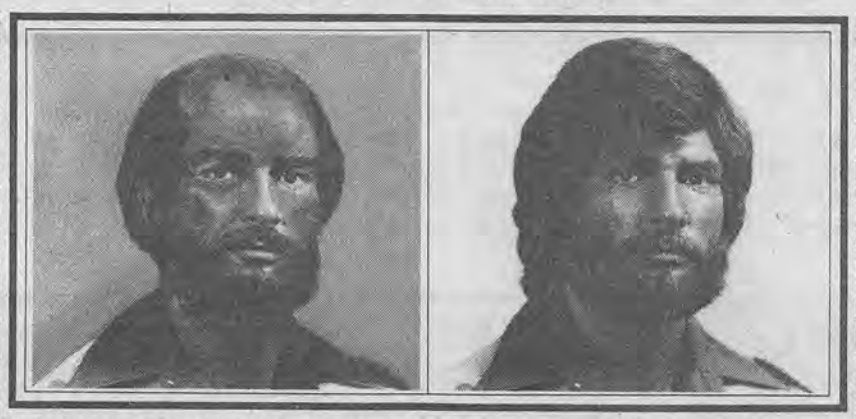
THE GUARANTEED HAIR PLAN

BECAUSE I WOULD RATHER HAVE HAIR THAN NOT

By T.G.M. KLAR, President, Klar Company, M/O Division



THE PICTURES ARE THE PROOF. I certainly think that I look much better with a healthy head of hair than without.

When my hair became thin and started falling out I became concerned.

Through an artist's rendition in the retouched photograph of me without hair you can see why I would be concerned. Like most people I would rather have hair than not, however, I did not want to have thin, lifeless hair.

The picture on the right is a recent photograph of me - **totally unretouched** - with a thick, healthy head of **MY OWN** hair at 35. As you can see I am no longer worried about a hair problem. **How did I solve it?** Actually, it was just a simple **1-2 step** once I found the solution. After years of trying different hair products, shampoos, creams and vitamins to help my own thin hair problem, I recognized that **MANY** hair problems, male and female, were two-fold.

FIRST: Hair may become oily and limp, dry, lifeless and **THIN.**

SECOND: Healthy new hair might **GROW OUT SLOWLY** or may **NOT** grow out at all in places.

It became obvious to me that for a two-part hair problem, a two-part solution was needed.

① I had to find a way to get back a **thick, healthy growth of hair.**

② I needed to find a substance that would **protect** the hair that I had. Something that would make it appear healthier and **THICKER** right away. I didn't want to wait for 6 months or a year. As you can imagine, my Company and I went all out to find a solution.

After several years of research, we finally came up with a solution. It came in two steps: **Step 1** - Solved my problems of having limp, lifeless and **THIN HAIR**, and **Step 2** - Solved the problem of my **HAIR GROWING OUT SLOWLY** or not growing at all in places.

— THE SOLUTION —

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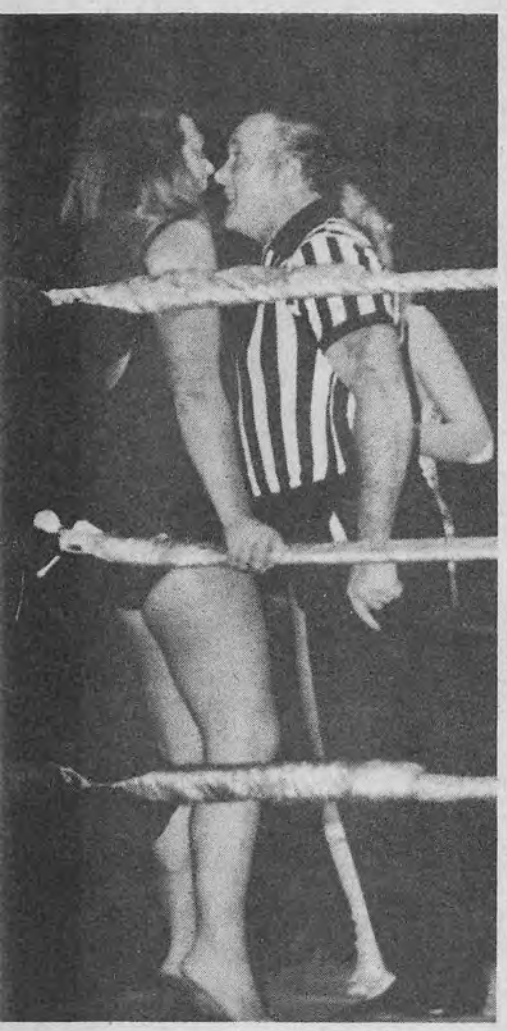
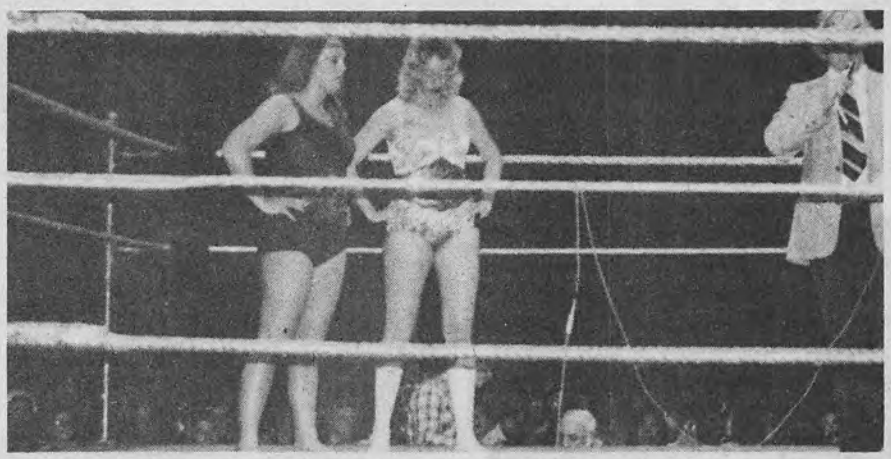
WRESTLING is not just a man's WORLD

Well, they say that womens' lib is on the move — now more than ever. The wrestling world has known this for a long time. Ladies' wrestling matches have packed 'em in all over the country for years and years. These photos, taken by ace photographer Dan Kaminsky at various arenas throughout the country, clearly illustrate why ladies' wrestling is so very popular.

We thought you could use a little change of pace and we hope these beautiful pictures of some very lovely lady wrestlers help to brighten up your day. □

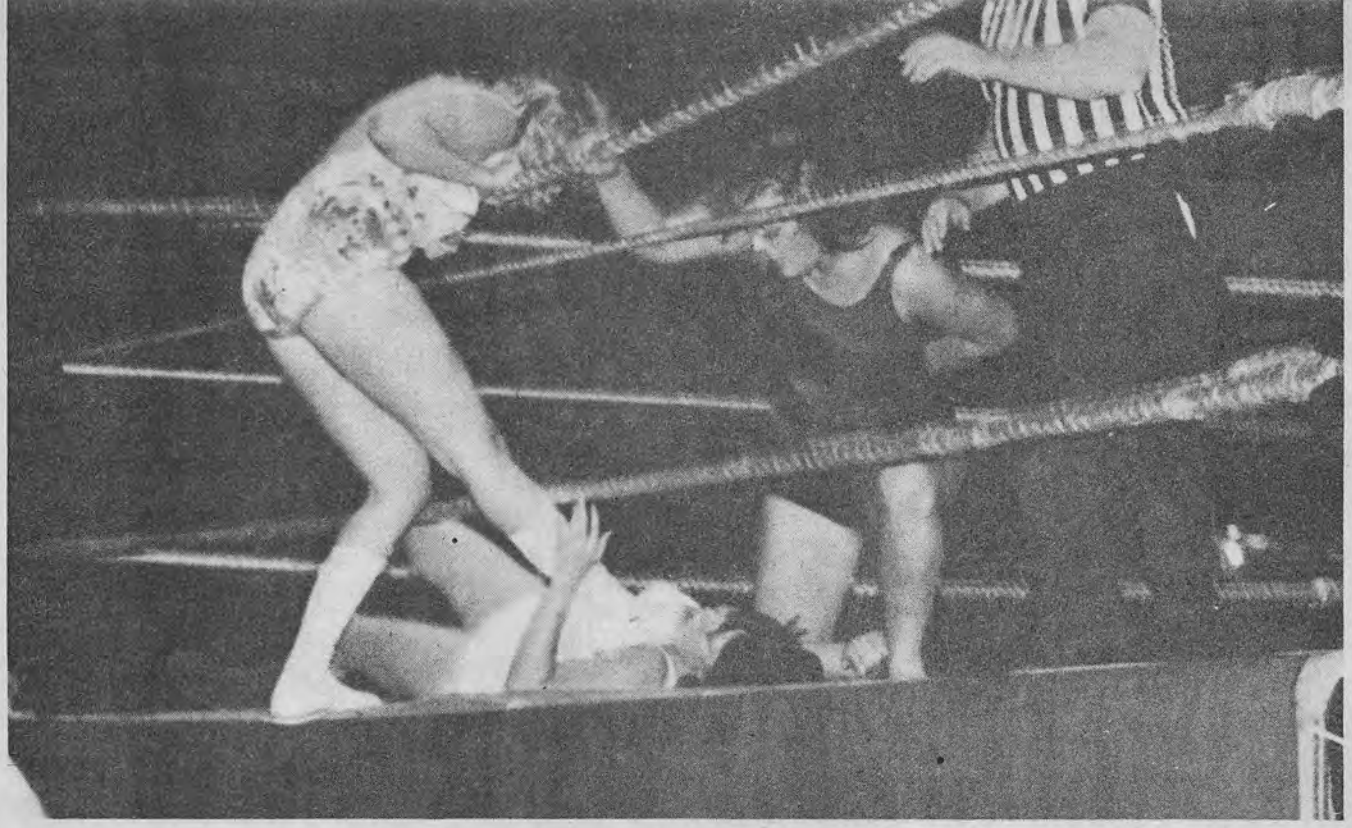


Famous referee Jack Lotz lets the lovely lass know who the boss is. Wouldn't you just love to be in his shoes?



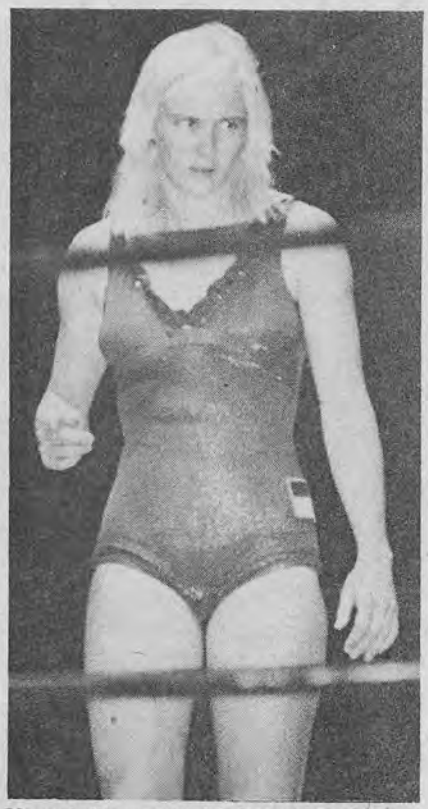
The women's tag-team champions, Susan Ferrier and lovely Vicki Williams, proudly display their championship belts before the start of their rugged match.

Even the ladies know how to distract the referee so their partners can get away with a few illegal tactics.

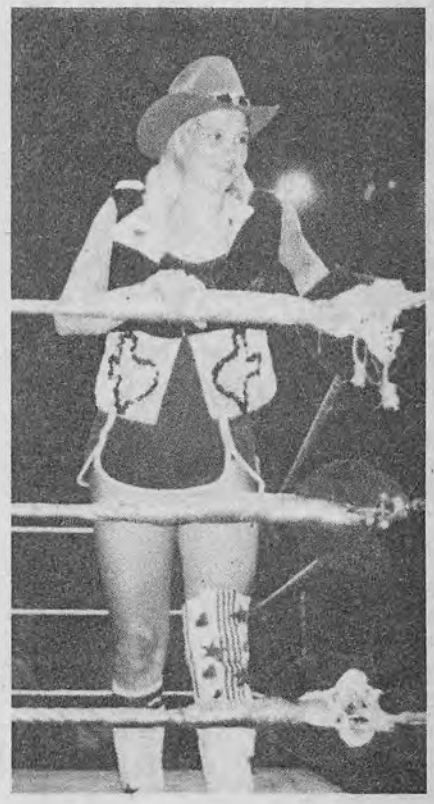


The double-teaming effort seems to be taking its toll on poor Susan White Cloud.

After the match, the team of Ferrier and Williams still possess their prized belts.



Now, tell me, wouldn't you just love to watch pretty Susan Greene wrestle all day long? Susan gets the Wrestling Revue award for the prettiest girl wrestler of all time. Can she wrestle, you ask? Does it matter?



Oh, my! If this young lady doesn't grab your attention, you must be half-dead.

'I'M NOT BRUNO'S BOY!' says LARRY ZBYZSKO

Story by MIKE OMANSKY — Photos by DAN KAMINSKY

"I'm my own man!" thundered the talented LARRY ZBYZSKO. "I'm tired of being known as 'the only man who was trained by BRUNO SAMMARTINO' or as 'BRUNO's boy.' I'm not BRUNO, I'm LARRY ZBYZSKO, an accomplished wrestler in my own right!"

Fans are no doubt taken aback by the harshness of LARRY ZBYZSKO in regards to his trainer, the Living Legend, BRUNO SAMMARTINO. Even as LARRY battles in that squared circle, there are many maneuvers he uses that BRUNO was noted for.

"When I win a match -- and I have been winning consistently -- it's LARRY ZBYZSKO that did it, not BRUNO SAMMARTINO," LARRY points out. "I have done the work in the gym, and the running every day. I have built myself up, and I'm the one who hammers opponents into the mat!"

No doubt, this is a new and different attitude on the part of ZBYZSKO. Without question, he has become a top star in his own right, moving up the ranks of the pros. But some fans can't help believe that it is wrong for LARRY to denounce BRUNO, the man who really started him off.

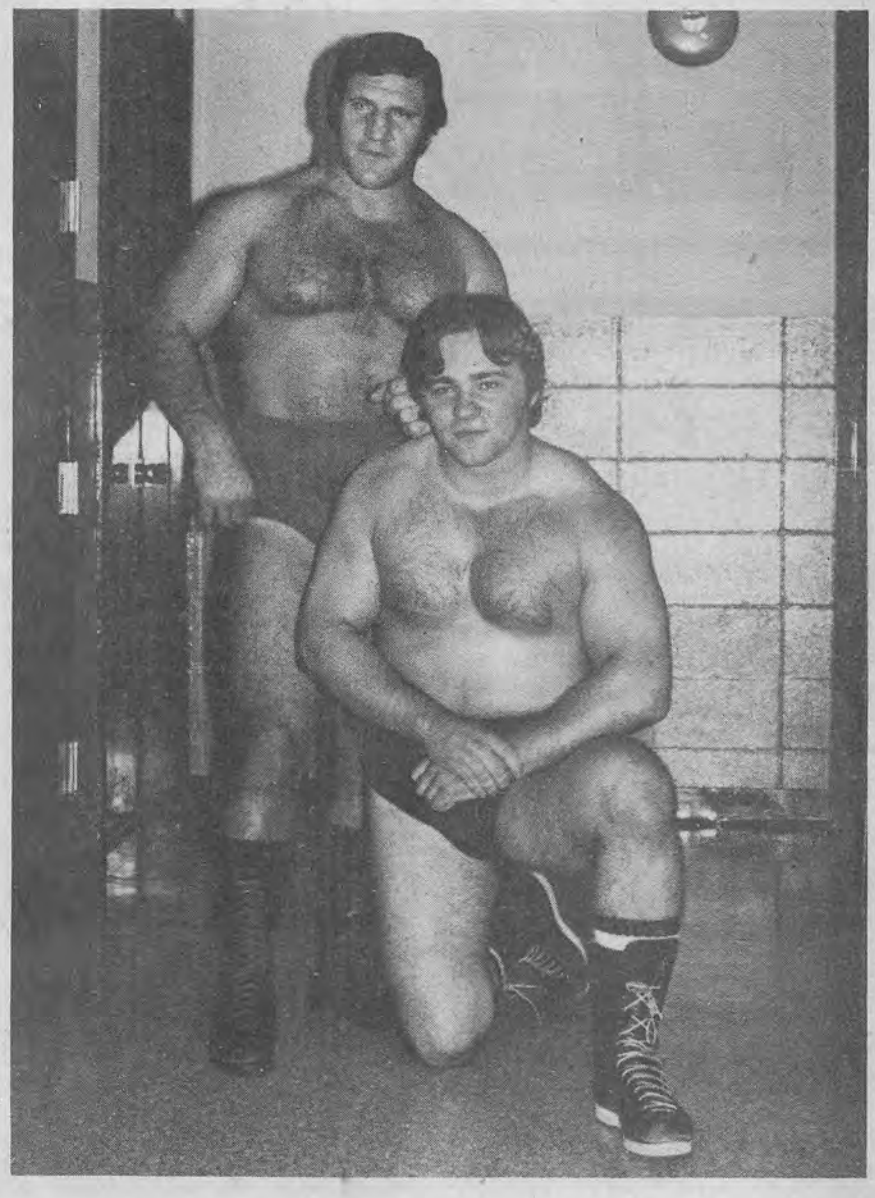
And how does BRUNO feel? "I don't understand it!" BRUNO exclaimed in total bewilderment. "He was like a son and a good buddy -- I don't know what has gotten into him."

"LARRY had better watch it!" warned one woman sitting in the loge at Madison Square Garden. "He is good -- I saw him pin BULLDOG BROWER here last month in less than five minutes. But if he gets any ideas that he can get into the ring with BRUNO, well, the teacher will triumph over his pupil."

"LARRY had better not carry things too far," agreed a man nearby. "I don't think he knows what he's doing -- just biting off a bit more than he can chew. He can't top SAMMARTINO, and he had better watch his step!"

LARRY thinks quite differently. "I want a match with BRUNO -- any time, any place. And I'll *prove* who is the better man!"

Larry issued his challenge on television, and asked that the match also be



The warm friendship that once was has been replaced by enmity.

held right on TV, so that "millions of fans can see it".

At first, BRUNO wanted no part of wrestling LARRY. "How can I wrestle a man who is like my own son?" BRUNO asked.

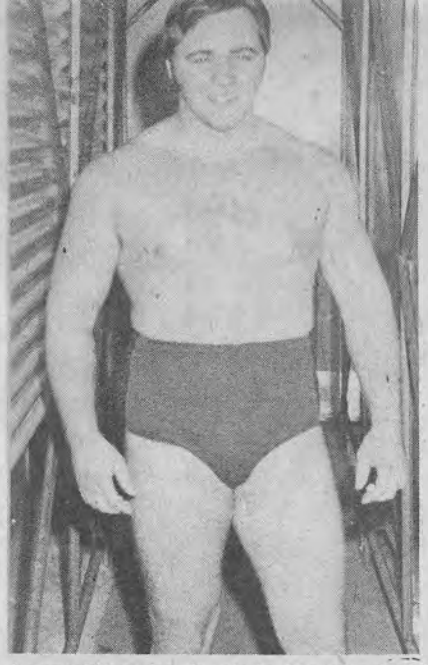
But LARRY persisted. He repeated his demand to battle the man who had taught him everything. BRUNO reluctantly agreed, although noting that he would basically wrestle defensively, and not try to hurt LARRY.

The bout was immediately signed, and, as LARRY had requested, held on TV. LARRY entered the ring first, and the overlow crowd in the arena roared as BRUNO sprinted to the ring and his corner.

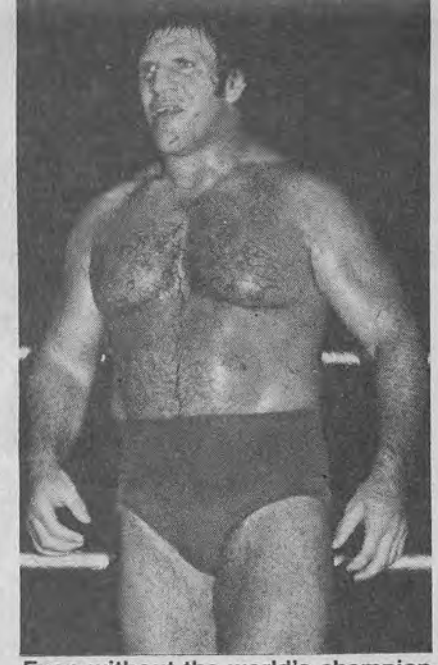
At the opening bell, LARRY tried unsuccessfully to sweep BRUNO off his feet. LARRY then tried a headlock, but BRUNO easily tossed him off. LARRY then went for a trip-out, that was reversed by SAMMARTINO.

Already it was obvious to the fans. LARRY was not quite ready for BRUNO, as BRUNO — without a great deal of effort — could counter every hold. LARRY tried an abdominal stretch, a move that has won many bouts for him via submission — and BRUNO flipped LARRY over and off. ZBYZSKO, in frustration, kicked the ropes. LARRY tried a semi-Boston crab, and put on the pressure, looking for a submission. BRUNO again kicked back to bounce LARRY off. LARRY pounded the mat in anger.

LARRY charged off the ropes several times to try to knock off BRUNO, and BRUNO caught him in a brutal



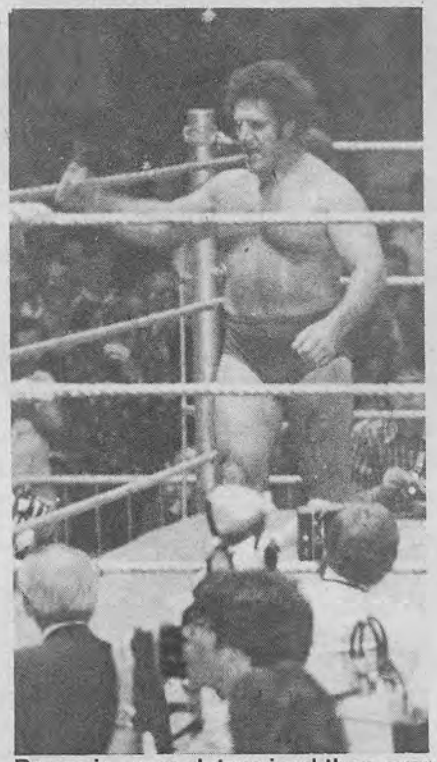
Larry Zbyzsko, back in the good old days when he would always take time out to pose for the photographers.



Even without the world's championship belt around his waist, Bruno still appears to be in phenomenal condition.

These days, Bruno looks like a lonely man — as anybody else would look if betrayed by their best friend.

Bruno, as he recieved an award presented to him by his legion of loyal fans.



Bruno is more determined than ever to settle the score with his former best friend.

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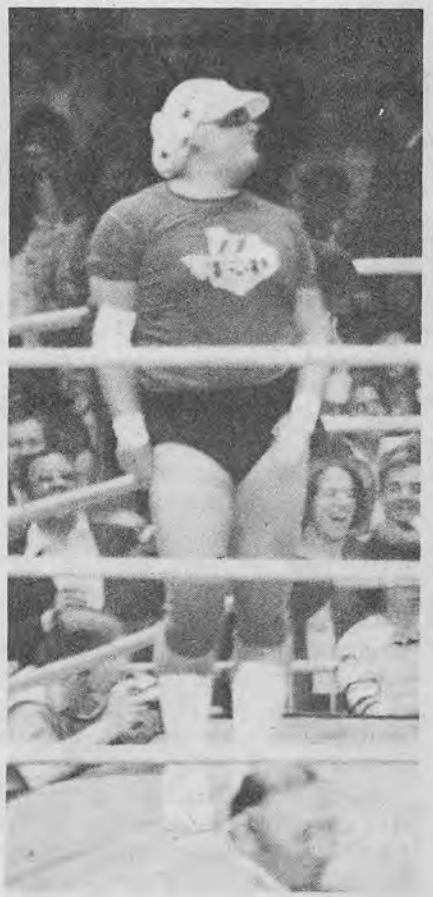
DUSTY RHODES
CHASING THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

They call him America's Dream, but it is his own dream that so far has gone unfulfilled...

By ALLEN DANIELS



Dusty struts his stuff before his bout with Harley Race.

Looking like he's stepped out of a fashion designer's dream, Dusty makes a triumphal entrance to the ring.

Dusty Rhodes may very well be the most popular wrestler of all time. Surely, he ranks among such greats as Bruno Sammartino and Mil Mascaras. Yes, Dusty Rhodes is, certainly, the American Dream. But even the American Dream has a dream. And Dusty's dream is the "Impossible Dream".

Dusty Rhodes has practically everything a man could ever want: fame, wealth, and glory. He has new cars and he has new houses. He has a legion of fans who would follow him to the ends of the earth. He is known and loved all over the world. Surely, Dusty Rhodes is a happy man. Or is he?

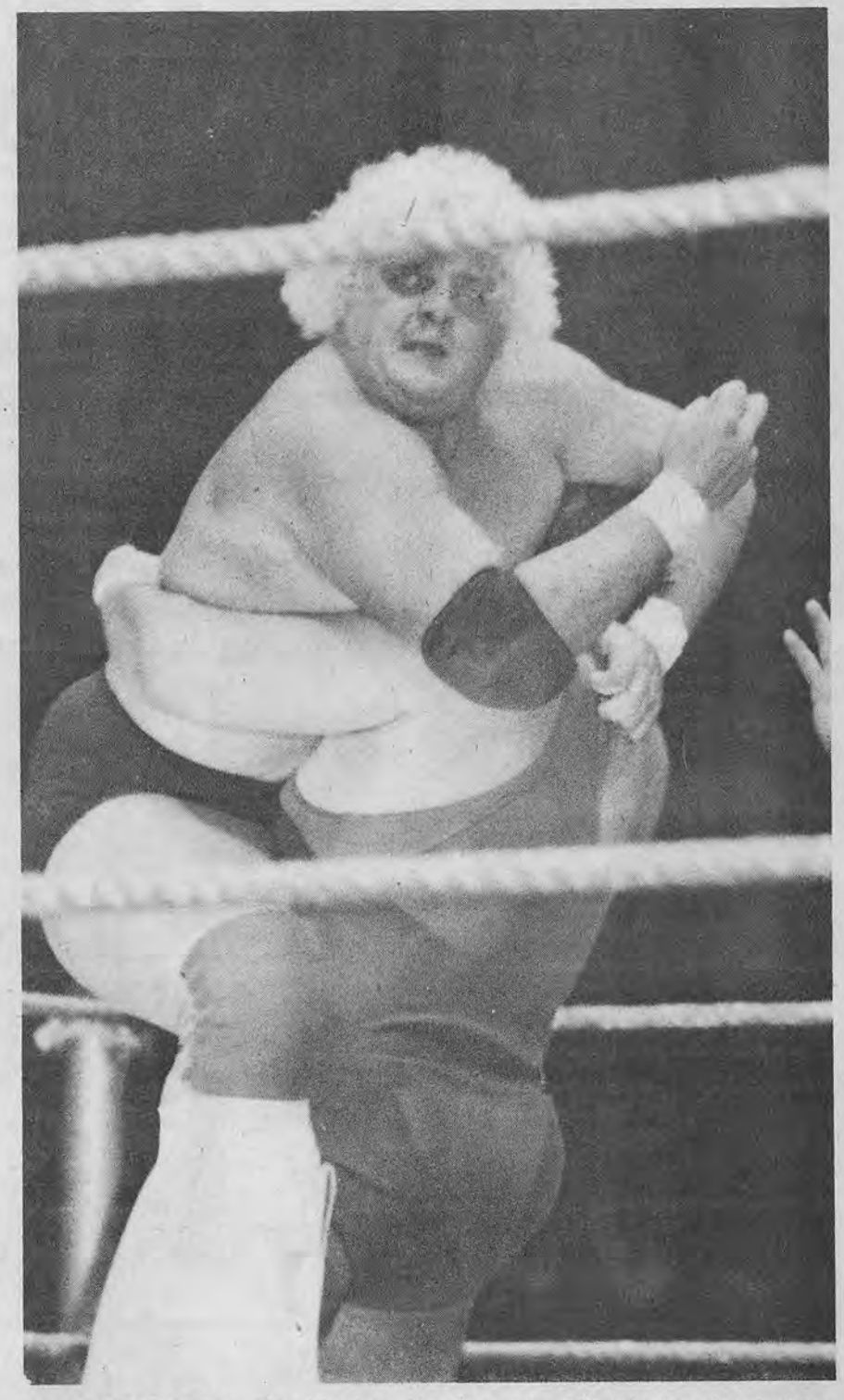
No matter how many matches he wins, no matter how many standing ovations he receives, no matter how many times he travels across the globe, Dusty Rhodes' personal dream keeps eluding him. Dusty Rhodes wants the world's championship, and he wants it so bad he can taste it. But it just keeps slipping away.

If you could have a dollar for every time Dusty has come within an inch of winning the championship, you would be a very rich man. Dusty has fought for various world titles against such men as Superstar Graham, Harley Race, and Dory Funk Jr. Dusty's bouts with these men will go down in wrestling annals as some of the greatest matches of all time.

Against Superstar Graham, Dusty was actually declared the winner and given the belt, only to have it taken back away from him on a technicality. Same thing against Race, and the same thing against Funk. In fact, Dusty actually won the chamnpionship from Harley Race, only to lose it back to him a week later. But Dusty doesn't want to be champion for just a few minutes, or even a week; he wants to be the champion for many years. That is his dream — to become the greatest champion of all time.

Dusty is convinced his dream will still come true. And he has worked hard, too. He has lost so much blood in the ring that the could have started his own branch of the Red Cross. He has suffered so many broken bones that he is by now immune to pain. His forehead is a mass of scar tissue from the unrelenting pounding he has taken over the years. He has been to the hospital so many times that the doctors and nurses know him by his first name.

But Dusty's opponents usually fare even worse than he does. Dusty Rhodes is afraid of no man and he has never backed down from a challenge. He's been in more cage matches, more chain matches and more death matches than any wrestler alive. Dusty has done everything he possibly could to fulfill



Dusty has that determined look on his face as he attempts to get out of an overpowering bearhug.

his dream, but so far he has been unable to pull it off. The question is, will he ever reach his goal? One cannot help but wonder if Dusty's best years are not behind him. Surely, all those gruelling bouts must have taken their toll on Dusty. How much more punishment can one man endure?

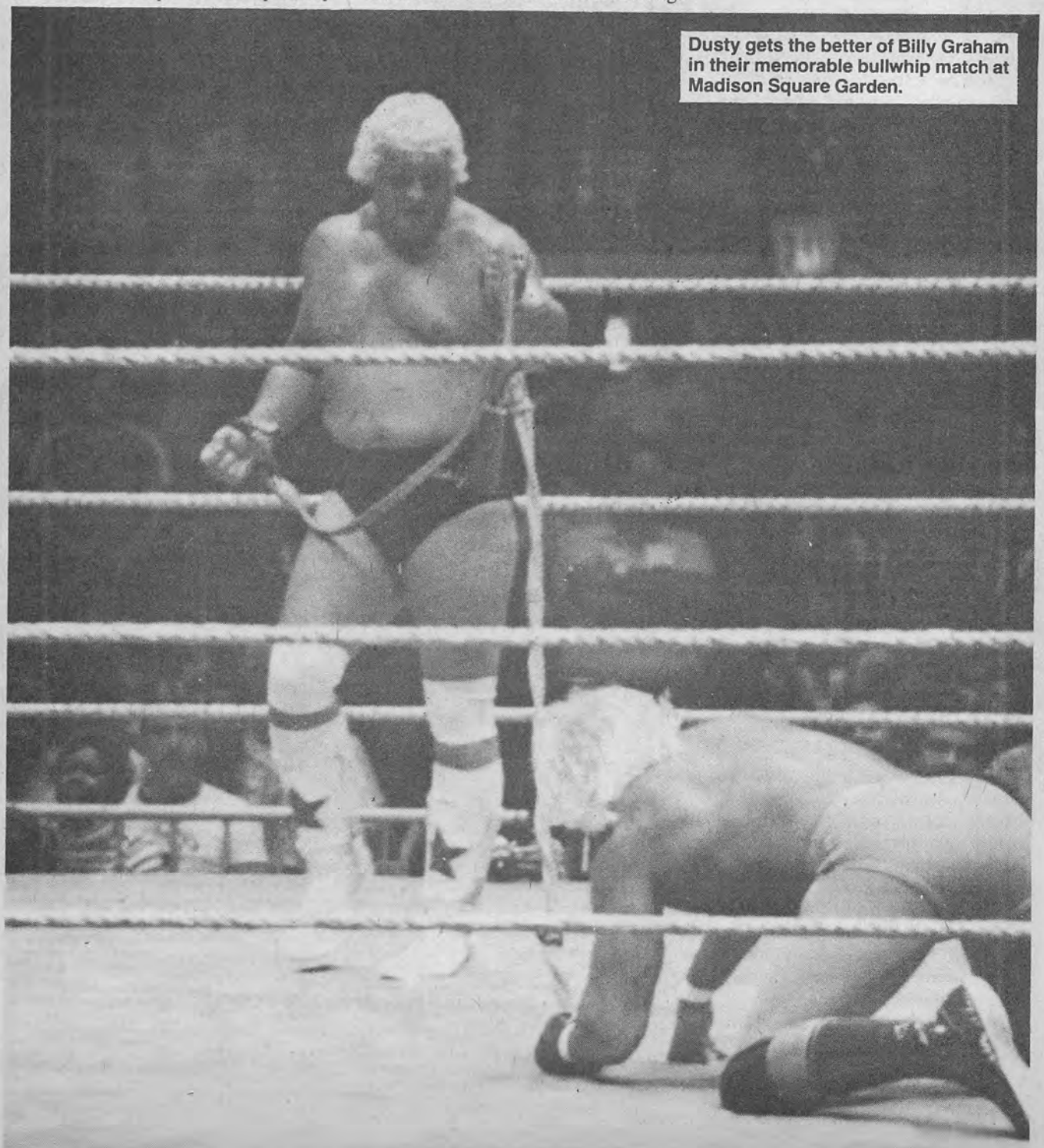
It's hard to try and answer these questions. If we were talking about any other wrestler, then the odds would be that, yes, his best years are behind him and, no, he can not go on much longer considering the amount of punishment he absorbs daily. A championship would be out of the question.

But we are not talking about just any other wrestler. We are talking about the American Dream, Dusty Rhodes. And Dusty Rhodes, as we all know, is not your everyday wrestler.

The American Dream has traveled down a long and hard road. The road has been paved with gold, but it has also been paved with pain.

What the future holds for Dusty Rhodes is anybody's guess. And there are certainly no clear-cut answers. But Dusty Rhodes has proven one thing to us, and that is that he has more courage than a lion. He is a determined man. You might even say that he is an obsessed man. Knowing Dusty the way we do, it would be foolish to bet against him.

Only time will tell if the American Dream can ever fulfill his own dream. Maybe he will; maybe he won't. But whatever the case, Dusty Rhodes is sure to go down in history as one of the greatest wrestlers of all time. Let's hope he will also be remembered as one of the greatest champions of all time. Only time will tell. □



Dusty gets the better of Billy Graham in their memorable bullwhip match at Madison Square Garden.

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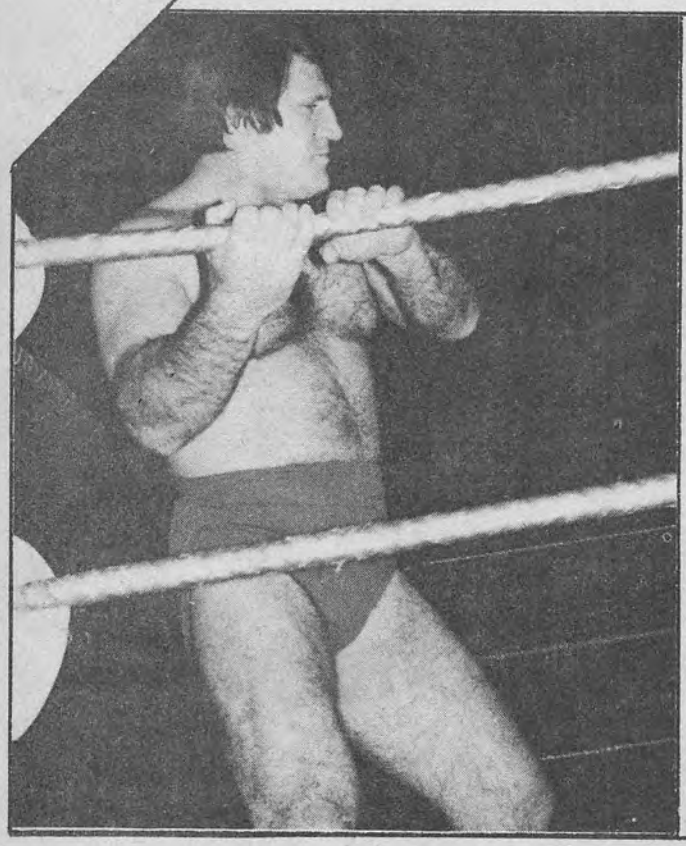

Bruno is in the greatest physical condition of his life for this fight — and well he should be, as he has never before met a man the likes of Muhammad Ali.

Ali is not clowning around for this fight, as he knows the virtues of his opponent, Bruno Sammartino.

THE EXCITING FINISH...

By DAN KAMINSKY

Last issue we set the stage for the greatest computer fight of all time: The living legend of boxing versus the living legend of wrestling.

Yes, for the first time ever, we have made an attempt to determine what would happen if these two great men were ever to meet in a combination boxing/wrestling match.

In our last issue, we presented the opening rounds of this great contest. To quickly summarize, Ali began the fight on the offensive. But the lead has changed hands back and forth numerous times. Both combatants are in excellent physical condition and as we pick up the fight in the ninth round, Bruno Sammartino seems to have a slight lead.

Let's go back to ringside and continue our presentation of the greatest fantasy fight of all time...

As the fight continues, Ali successfully avoids danger by persistently flicking his jab at Bruno. Bruno, who has been cut on several different occasions, seems to be weakening. He has absorbed tremendous punches -- especially to the head. Ali seems energetic; however, he is not dancing as much as in the early rounds. Perhaps his legs are tiring.

Round 9

At the sound of the bell Bruno strides toward Muhammad. Ali, confident, throws a wild right. Bruno ducks the blow and counters with an elbow to the face. It appears as if each man wants more than a victory -- they seem to show signs of wanting to injure or perhaps maim the opponent. Ali is surprised by Bruno's rough tactics. A look of fear covers Ali's face. Sammartino's knee lifts to the stomach of Ali. Ali is hurt. As the bell sounds, Ali returns to his corner. He seams to be having a great deal of trouble breathing.

"What's wrong?" yells Blassie to Ali.

"That bum knocked the wind out of

Bruno wants to win the fight more than anything in the world, to prove to all his fans that he is the true "living legend".

me,'' answers Muhammad.

As the bell sounds, Ali is reluctant to leave his corner. The referee starts counting -- Ali returns to the fight at the count of three.

Bruno senses victory. The tide had definitely turned. Ali is in trouble. A left -- a right -- and another left pummel Ali's facial features. Blood emerges. Ali seems terrified at the sight of his own blood. Not knowing what to do, Ali resorts to his ''bicycle.'' Despite flurries and combinations, Bruno will not halt his assault.

''Boogie,'' yells Dusty Rhodes from Bruno's corner. Then - as quick as lighting - Bruno is down. A roar of surprise goes over the crowd. Ali, stumbling, ventures to a neutral corner as the count begins. No one really saw the punch; nevertheless, Bruno is down. At ''three'' Bruno rises, and complains to the referee. Nevertheless, it remains an official knockdown. The round ends.

Rounds 11 to 14

Eleven through fourteen are all Bruno's rounds, as he appears to have recovered fully from that mysterious blow that concluded the previous frame of action. Bruno really seems to be in full control as he punishes Ali with kicks to the left temple region and with the application of a front Boston Crab. Ali is writhing in pain and for a moment it appears as if the boxing great may submit. But Ali doesn't know the meaning of the word ''quit'', and he continues to absorb more and more punishment.

Ali has done very little offensive work during these rounds and it looks as though stamina is beginning to play a key role in this incredible fight. There seem to be a few indications that Ali has injured his left wrist. That may explain his lack of jabbing during these crucial rounds.

Round 15

In between rounds, Angelo Dundee has removed Ali's left glove to examine the wrist we spoke about earlier. Just as suspected, Ali has indeed done some serious damage to the bone structure surrounding the inner portion of his wrist area. Dundee quickly applies ice to the injury in an attempt to reduce the swelling.

Ali begins the round fighting virtually one-handed. Dundee screams for Ali to quit but the three-time world's boxing champion refuses to surrender, although he is clearly in severe pain.

Ali goes into his ''rope-a-dope'', but Bruno refuses to fall for that trick. Bruno himself is very tired, and he has spent too many hours studying films of Ali's style to go into the corner and rope-a-dope with him.

Ali comes out of the corner and almost quicker than the eye can perceive it, he lands a stunning right hand

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Ali flexed his muscles for Antonio Inoki before their epic wrestler-boxer battle, which ended in a draw.

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3 bleeding badly
4 rope match vs Graham
5 posed, close up

BRUNO SAMMARTINO

1 posed, close up
2 wearing his belt
3 on t.v. interviews
4 talking to Zybsco
5 close up, smiling
6 in action vs Duncum
7 posed with Strongbow

TED DIBIASE

1 smiling in ring
2 wearing his belt
3 close up, posed
4 in action vs Valentine
5 looking angry in ring

BOB BACKLUND

1 smiling in the ring
2 wearing the belt
3 bleeding badly
4 posed with Skaland
5 waving to the fans
6 posed in dressing rm.

MISCELLANEOUS

1 Ken Patera posing
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GIANT STRIVING TO COME INTO HIS OWN...

HULK HOGAN

LIVING IN A SUPERSTAR'S SHADOW

By ALAN KAMINSKY

The man is so big that he puts his contemporaries to shame. He doesn't have green skin, but Hulk Hogan is nonetheless a massive-sized man. He is undoubtedly one of the biggest men ever to step into a wrestling ring.

Yet, even though he defeats opponent after opponent with ease, he cannot seem to escape from the shadow of another giant-sized muscle man, none other than Superstar Billy Graham.

"And in the corner to my left, weighing 325 pounds, standing 6 feet 6 inches, the one and only Incredible Hulk Hogan!" screams the ring announcer. The fans are in awe. His opponent is terrified. Even the referee is amazed.

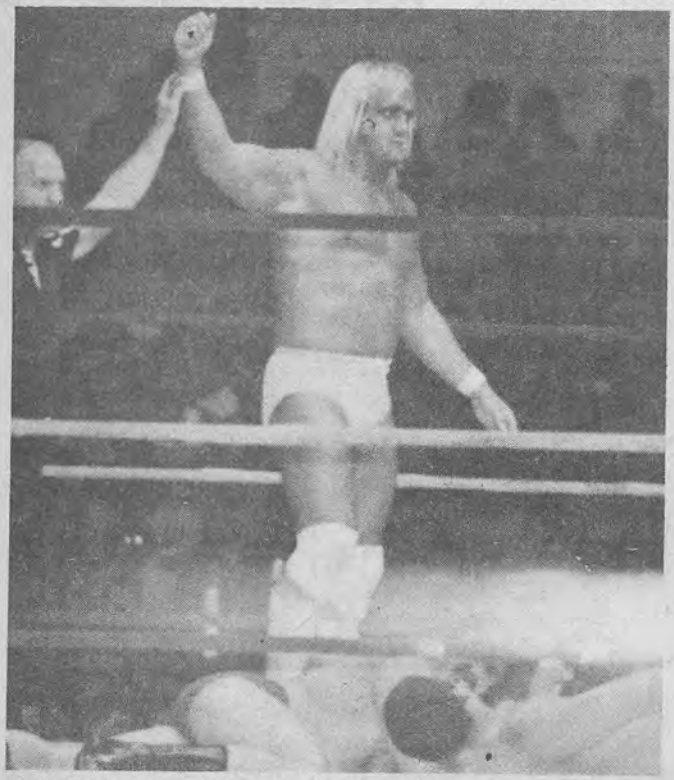
The bell rings and, in practically no time at all, Hulk Hogan's hand is raised in victory. The Hulk struts around the ring and displays his massive physique to the crowd. The Hulk goes back to the dressing room as thousands of eyes stare at his rippling muscles.

This is a very familiar scene. It happens every time this new sensation, the Incredible Hulk, climbs through the ring ropes. He is an incredible man to say the least.

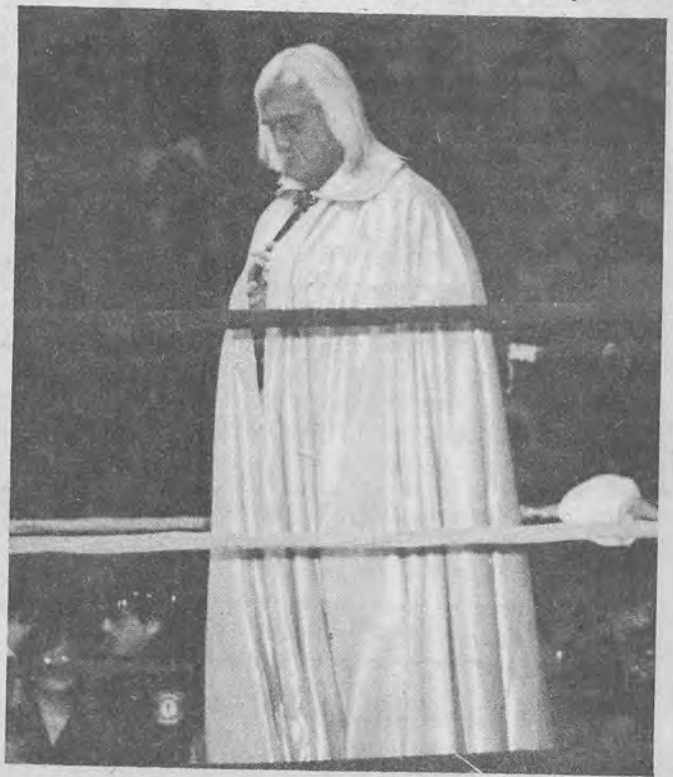
In fact, many fans and wrestling experts alike are convinced that the Hulk will become the greatest wrestler alive in the 1980s. Some people are even willing to bet that the Hulk will soon be world's champion.

Is he really as good as one might be led to believe? Is he really invincible? Can *anybody* beat the Hulk? The Hulk himself sure doesn't think so. "Nobody — and I mean nobody can beat me. I will be the only undefeated wrestler who ever lived", boasts the Hulk.

But there is one tremendous question mark that the Hulk must answer... Is he better than wrestling's other top muscleman, Superstar Billy Graham? To many wrestling fans, the Superstar is



Hulk Hogan gets his arm raised in victory after yet another incredible win.



Hulk is an intimidating figure — from the moment he sets foot in the ring.

first and foremost the top physical specimen in wrestling.

So comparisons between the Hulk and the Superstar are inevitable. Both are tremendous. Both have larger than 50-inch chests and both possess greater than 22-inch arms. Both could easily win any body-building contest that they decided to enter. But body building and wrestling are two different sports.

The Superstar's record speaks for itself. In fact, Wrestling Revue has just acknowledged that Superstar Graham is the greatest wrestler of the decade for the 1970s.

On the other hand, The Hulk has only been wrestling for a short period of time and, even though he is currently undefeated, he still has a long way to go before he can command the respect given to the Superstar.

Is the Hulk as good as he thinks, or is he just another cheap imitation of Billy Graham? Says the Hulk, "You just watch and see, man, because you're talking to the greatest wrestler of the decade for the 1980s. Who cares about Graham and the seventies. This is 1980, brother."

True enough. But the real question is this: What would happen if The Incredible Hulk ever squared off against the Superstar? And when, if ever, will this match actually take place?

"I would pay any amount of money to see that match," said one anxious fan at the recent matches in New York. "Superstar would show him who the boss is!" said another fan. "You mean the Hulk would win," said another.

Whenever this topic comes up, an arguement is sure to follow. And this is an arguement that must be settled. And until it is, Hulk Hogan will be forced — rightly or wrongly — in Superstar Billy Graham's shadow.

"I am the true Superstar and don't you ever forget it," screamed an excited Billy Graham when asked if he could thwart the challenge of Mr. Hogan. "Nobody can stand up next to me, including this Hulk character."

For the time being, however, it appears unlikely that these two giants will square off against one another. This is especially true since both men are under contract to the Grand Wizard — and the Wizard is unlikely to let two of his proteges face each other.

But stranger things have happened in the world of wrestling and, if things keep going as they are now, then the Hulk will be forced into a match against Graham to defend himself against his critics, and Graham will have to accept in order to keep face with all his fans.

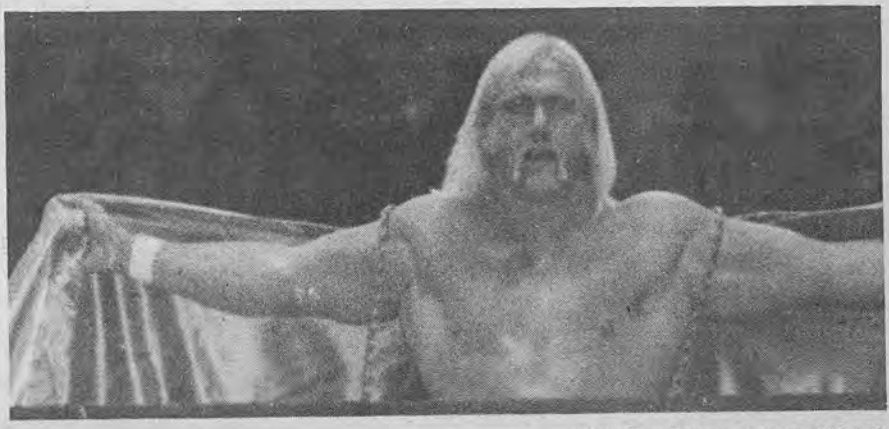
Should such a match ever take place, it will surely go down in wrestling history. But for now, we can only speculate as to what would happen.

Who is the real king of wrestling, Hulk Hogan or Superstar Billy Graham? □

Superstar Billy Graham: Is he the true Superstar?

Hogan (above and below) proudly displays his massive physique.

The Grand Wizard, seen here with the Superstar, seems to be caught in the middle of what could be the greatest bout in wrestling history.



The NBC crew setting up to shoot some sparring between Karen Arnold and Maria. Host Byron Allen is the one in the white shirt and shorts.

THE AMAZONS — 'REAL PEOPLE'

Popular TV show pays a visit to the Amazons' gym...

By KYM DAUPHINEE

One of the most watched television shows on the NBC network is "Real People", a show which has grown greatly in popularity since it first came on the air as a summer replacement.

One reason for the high rating it has achieved is the fact that the program — brainchild of the creator of the popular "Laugh In" — uses no actors. The people that it spotlights each week are just what the title says — "REAL PEOPLE".

People from every walk of life, people with odd stories to tell, people with odd hobbies and odd jobs, and just plain people are filmed and presented each Wednesday night to ever larger audiences.

By the time you read this, there is a good chance that you — if you watch "Real People" will have seen a feature on the amateur girl wrestlers from the Amazon Gym in Pine Valley, California. Well, if you missed it or if it has not been aired yet, we will give you an inside look at just how they go about filming a feature for television on location.

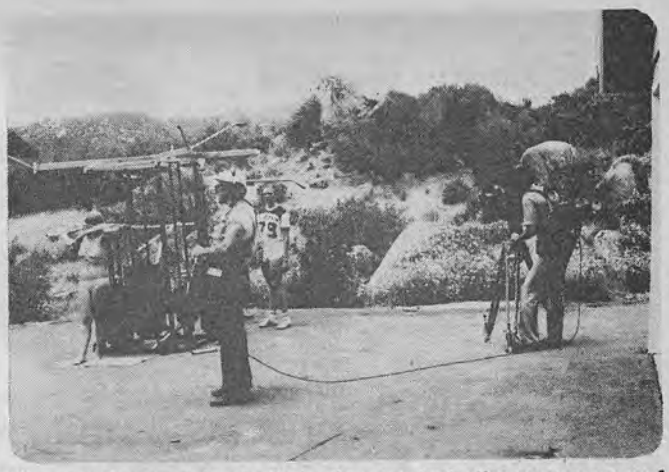
Before selecting the Amazons for the program, the producers visited a number of other so-called amateur wrestling clubs both in California and in other states.

As it was the aim of the program to show "real" wrestling and not either the pro strain or the so-called "apartment house" wrestling, they decided to film the girls from the Amazon Gym.

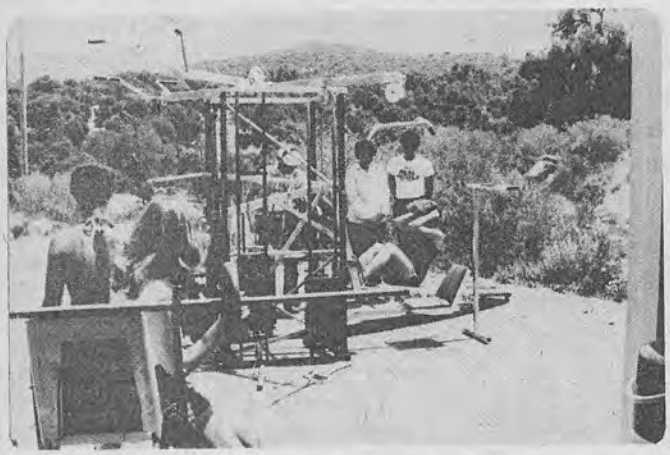
Although when you see it on your home screen it may be only five minutes or so, it was a long hard day of work for the girls and the crew from NBC television. Many more feet of film were shot than you will seen in the final screening. The producers and editors kept the crew and the girls busy shooting and reshooting, making sure that they had down on film what they wanted to show the folks at home.

Byron Allen was host for the segment on female wrestling and he enjoyed it no end. He was really surprised by the agility and strength displayed by the girls, especially that of blond weight lifter Liz Meles. □

Ten hours of filming went into the effort. Liz Meles looks on as the weight machine is about to be put into use.

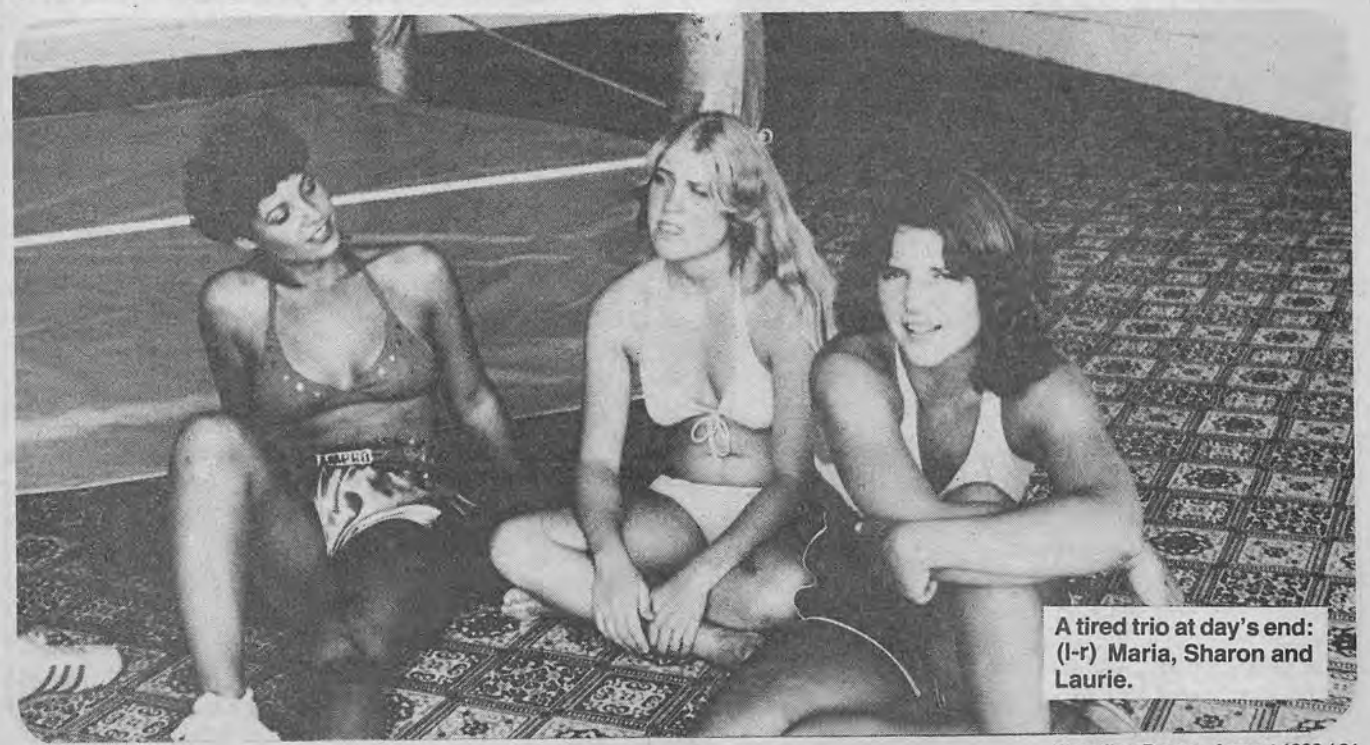


Sharon Du Long is ready to demonstrate the proper use of the machine as French student Ghislaine Malard, wearing the "79" T-shirt, looks on.



Judell Du Long and Allen discuss the merits of sit-ups as one of the Amazon girls shows how it should be done.

Getting ready to film a wrestling match. The girls are Laurie Hatch and Liz Meles.



A tired trio at day's end: (l-r) Maria, Sharon and Laurie.

THE GARDEN IS DEAD

PHOENIX'S MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN — EITHER BY THE FANS OR THE WRESTLERS.

By DALE PIERCE

They called it Madison Square Garden, in hopes that it would one day rival its namesake in New York City, though the potential wasn't good. The tiny, pink arena had a seating capacity of only 2,000 people and it was handicapped by being located in Phoenix, Arizona, which — at the time of its construction — was an unimportant city in an unimportant state.

Jim Londos, one of the early stars at the Garden who almost became its owner.

Still, the arena stood the tests of time, becoming a hotbed for professional wrestling in the Southwest for over 60 years — as well as a stadium for boxing matches, rock concerts, and religious crusades.

In thinking about it, one cannot help but wonder if the arena did not, in fact, live up the name its promoters had given it, as well as provide entertainment for the thousands of fans who came to boo the villains or heroes, depending on whom they enjoyed the most.

The winter rain had just stopped falling, when I took the 7th Avenue turn off Van Buren Street and pulled into the garden's vacant parking lot.

In the gloom of the morning, the arena looked almost pathetic, a shadowy landmark of what it has once been. Its doors had been closed for over a year now, its exterior showing the effects of neglect in broken windows, fading paint, and grafitti written with spraycans on the walls.

The Garden was dead. There was no doubt about it and knowing so made me feel somewhat sad. To meet its final fate in this manner seemed unjust, but such is life and such is destiny — which more than one man met face to face, behind that locked entranceway, when the arena still lived.

The fans had breathed life into the Garden. They'd made it live, along with wrestlers who gave them their money's worth and promoters who went out of the way to get the best talent available. Many of these men who

Mikko The Mongol, one of those baddies the fans loved to hate.

The Lumberjacks, a hated tag-team.

handled the arena's business were more than capable since they had been wrestlers of top calibre in their own right, before or during the heyday of Madison Square Garden.

One such man was the former world champion, Jim Londos, who not only promoted matches there, but almost owned the 1920-vintage building himself, before losing it to a more prominent businessman from California.

There were others beside Londos who ran shows at the Garden, including Dr. Joseph Lentz, Monte LaDue, Paavo Ketonen, Al Fenn, Pat Malone, Paul Harvey, and Tito Montez, the last promoter in the arena's history, who let it go after his decision to retire from wrestling. The list is impressive, as is the one containing the names of the great competitors who appeared there, from the 1950s on, when wrestling dominated the world when it came to entertainment value.

Gorgeous George, Buddy Rogers, Lou Thesz, Bearcat Wright, Don Kent. They'd all appeared in Phoenix at one time or another, when excitement filled the air and the now-silent marquee boasted proudly of the men who would be presented on the next card. All of it was gone, like a dream that brings a smile to your face, then disappears when you wake up to find it never existed to begin with.

I thought of all this as I looked at the arena. Around me, the air had grown

Tito Montes, the popular local hero and the last promoter at the Garden.

uncomfortably quiet, the only noise being the wind against the walls. The wrestlers were gone, as were the boxers, revivalists, show people and everyone else who had once flocked to the Garden. The only indication at all that life of some sort had passed by here was a pack of empty beer bottles in the parking lot, resembling a grave marker to the building's once-glorious past.

Most of the wrestlers had been brought in from Mexico, at least during the final decade in which the shows were run. Tito Montez, Benny Mendeblis, Nano Ortega, Flama Rojua, El Medico, Tony Hernandez. The list goes on and on. All of them did their part to evoke interest from the fans, most of whom were of Mexican origin and loved it when one of their own totally thrashed an outsider, like Kurt Von Steiger, Mr. Fuji, or Mike Mazurki.

The Garden had its share of rule-breakers too, oddballs for the most part — like Maniac Mike Gordon or Masked Frankenstein, who entered the ring in an outfit right out of the Boris Karloff films, complete with a silent, torch-bearing manager, who led him back and forth in chains.

There were other strange ones, like the bloodthirsty Comancharos, Chris Colt & Ron Dupree, who once held a version of the World Tag Team Championship under Al Fenn's alliance, as well as the Western States Tag Team title on two seperate occasions. This pair of hippies put more men in the hospital than any other tag team combination and a list of their wild antics would fill a book in itself. Yet they, as well as the heroes, were the ones who made the Garden what it was.

From World War II through Korea

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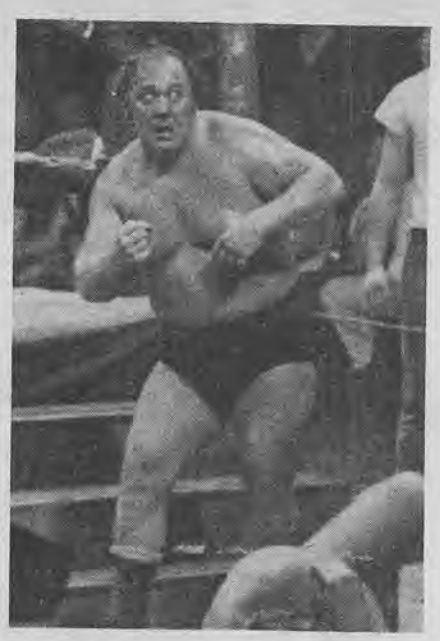
Greg Valentine tells Vince McMahon Jr. how he is going to destroy Backlund when they meet. P.S. He didn't.



Bulldog does his dirty work against Bob outside the ring.

who pops into my head the second I think of Graham's successor is ... Backlund. He's got the speed and stamina, and Skoaland behind him along with the fans; he's got everything. He's the next champion!'' He, along with many other wrestlers who watched him in awe, was right.

Once Bob won the title, many of the wrestling experts, myself included, thought Bob's title was a fluke, that he'd lose it soon and crack under pressure. He was young, relatively inexperienced; still a rookie. But he proved us wrong.

His first challenge, after defeating Graham in a decisive cage-match, was Spiros Arion, the Iron Greek. The Asian Champion was confident, yet he cracked under the power of the atomic kneedrop.

Next, Graham's half-brother, Crazy Luke, was brought in. His massive size, experience and taped finger could overthrow Bob, but the kneedrop ended his hopes.

Stan ''The Man'' Stasiak's famous heartpunch was never seen in his title bout, as Bob's possibly easiest challenger to date was lifted and smashed to another defeat.

Then, the ''World's Strongest Man'' came to destroy the rookie. Ken Patera's bragging and destruction of several prominent WWF wrestlers, including Billy White Wolf, with the terrifying swinging neckbreaker, looked like a sure bet for the defeat of Backlund. It took several bouts and several cracked ribs from Ken's massive bearhug before Bob could put the blond away.

If Patera was not enough, next came ''The Animal'' George Steele. His green tongue, unorthodox style, the presence of Albano by his side, and his ever-present taped weapon had Bob leery of the crazy creature from Detroit. Said Bob of Steele: ''What can you say about the man? He's a menace to the wrestling world.

''He should be locked up along with looney Lou. Steele is very dangerous because all his actions are done out of instinct, not thinking about his next move. His hammerlock is very dangerous, and I am going to try my darndest not to be picked up by my arm!'' Steele provided a brutal, tough, bloody bout, but Bob came out on top.

Then came Ivan Koloff, ''The Russian Bear''. This match was billed as a contest of strength, speed and stamina, as each was proficient in all three catagories. The bout saw many different tests of strength, but the Bear's best wasn't good enough.

His next opponent provided a dangerous change from the rest. A 600-pound brute, by the name of Crusher Blackwell, came to test the intestinal fortitude of the new champion. Bob explains Blackwell's surprising advantage: ''When Balckwell whips you into those ropes, and you come off, the last thing you're expecting is...a dropkick! Crusher's is one of the most devastating in the business because he packs 600 pounds behind it!'' A record was set in that bout which still holds true today. Bob Backlund became the first man in history to ever lift Crusher Blackwell above his head and slam him with the atomic spinesmasher!

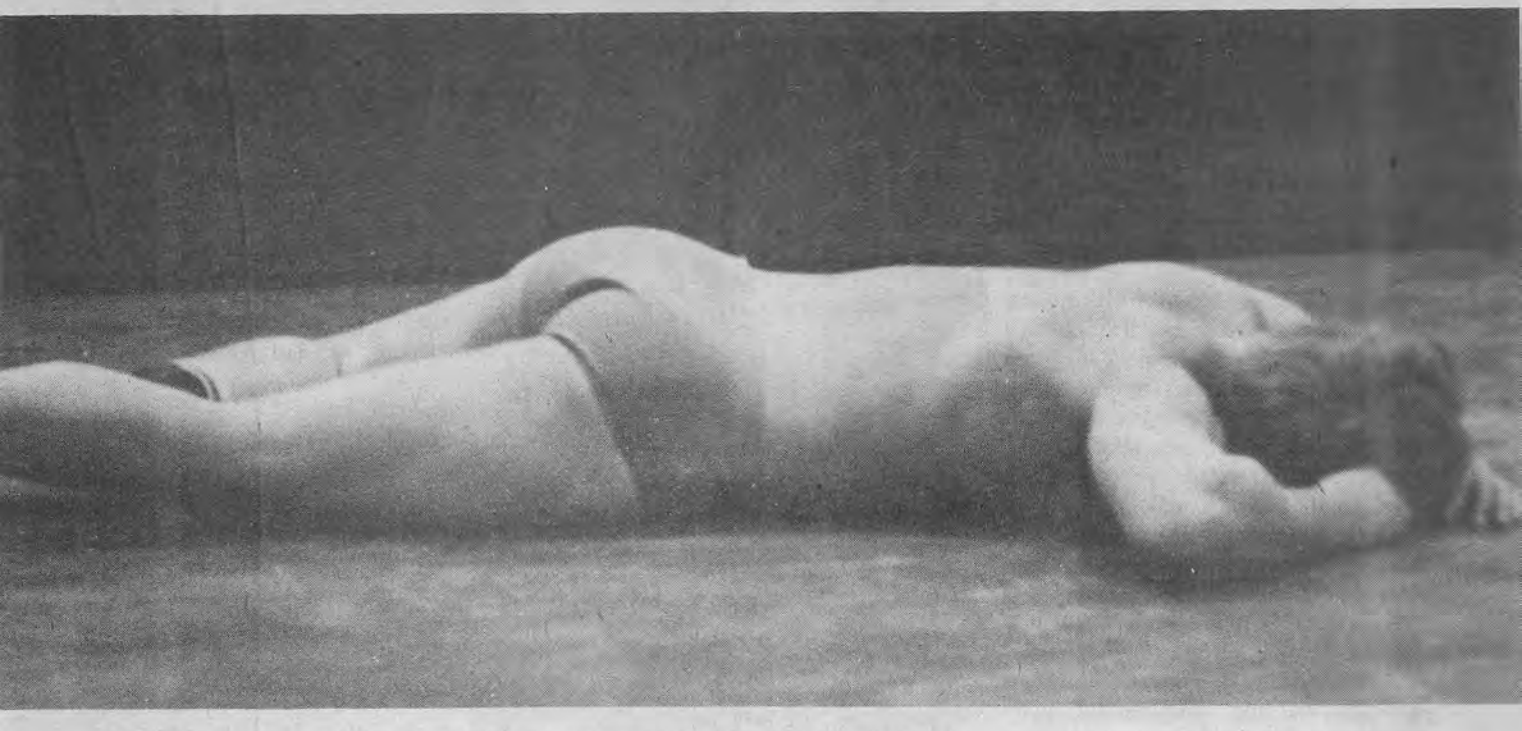
Then came the ''Big Cat'' — the ''King of Wrestling'', Ernie Ladd. Ladd talked so much of his upcoming title match that he made it out to be a battle of the races. The poor, uneducated Southern black man who had to pull himself from the gutter, versus the high-society, snobbish type of white man known as Bob Backlund. This bout was a furious whirlwind of action. Ladd continually kicked Bob low, and used his ever-present taped thumb to gain the advantage throughout the bout, yet Bob was able to lift the 6'8'' Ladd above his head and bring him down to defeat, via the atomic spinesmasher.

That bout marked Bob's strange change. We no longer saw the atomic kneedrop used so prominent throughout each match after the Ladd bout. Every contender after this went more than one bout with Bob. One even went the full four, before a decisive winner was announced.

Bob lost a lot of blood during his title reign throughout the second year, and he appeared surprisingly weak and battered in many title defenses. The fans wished they'd see more of that explosive style Bob Backlund had shown them in the past, but Bob slackened.

Soon after the Ladd bout, a weakening blow hit Bob. He and Peter Maivia, the tattooed Samoan prince, were shooting for the WWF tag-team title belts, when Maivia turned on him in a semi-final match. This event made Bob suspicious of all his friends. He had been stabbed in the back and could never forgive or forget. Maivia shouted accusations of how Bob and Arnold Skoaland had used him, and that too cut a deep chunk out of Bob. Maivia then demanded, and received, a title match for the WWF title laurels.

Bob fought Peter Maivia several times in the Garden, including a cli-



Bob lies unconcious after being battered with a chair by Johnny Valiant.

mactic cage match. Cage matches came Bob's way more often than ever in his second year as champion. This was something he disdained, as he once told this reporter: "I hate cage matches. I realize I've upset my fans by wrestling more and more in the cage, but it seems the only way to beat my opponents. I've lost a lot of blood and I've felt a lot of pain, but so far I haven't been seriously hurt, and I'm very glad to see my fans happy."

Another title threat came east. The "Master of the Figure-Four Leglock", Greg Valentine, gained a quick reputation in this area by seriously injuring several top prelim wrestlers, and almost retiring Chief Jay Strongbow. His perfectly executed suplexes were as devastating as his leglock. This was to be Bob's toughest challenge so far.

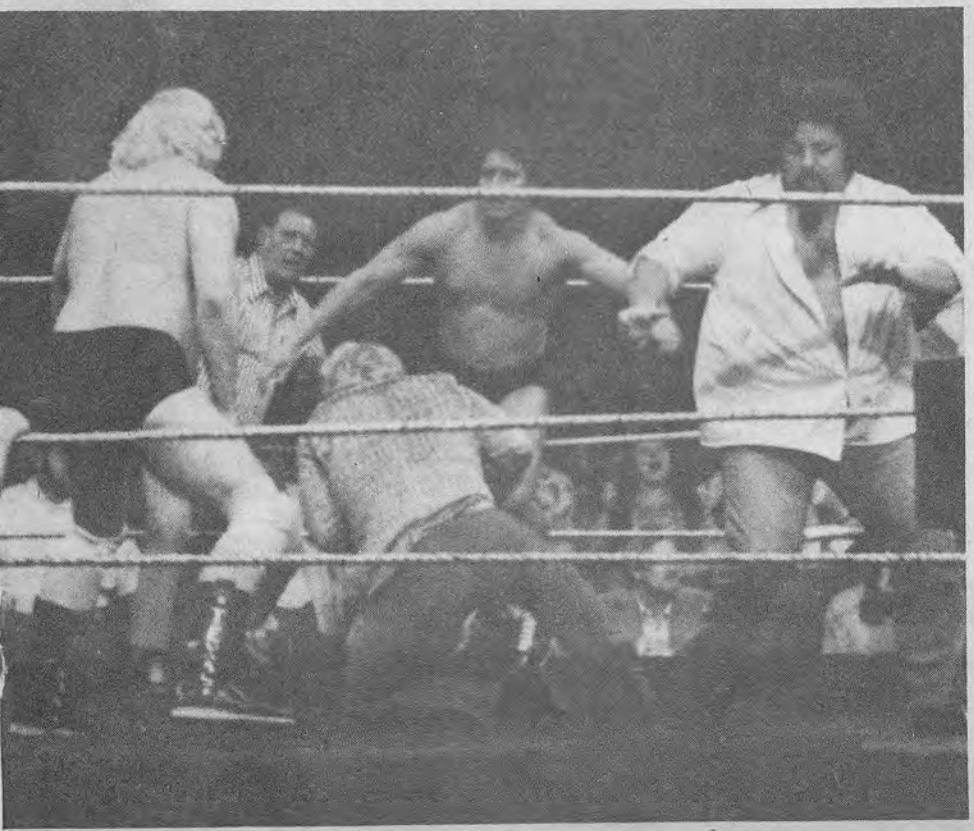
They fought many times all over the East Coast, but neither has been able to really pin his man for the count of three. In one Madison Square Garden bout, Bob Backlund was hopelessly trapped in Greg's vicious figure-four when the time limit expired and the bout was ruled a draw. Valentine left the area without the belt, but with pleasant memories of all the blood he had caused Backlund to spill.

Next came another rugged contender who succumbed to the now rare atomic kneedrop — Bulldog Brower.

Then came the Iranian suplex specialist, armed with his loaded boots, Hussein Arab. Although he only received two major title bouts, he stayed in the East Coast area until Antonio Inoki removed and exposed his loaded boot before thousands of fans. The curled boot, similar to that of The Sheik, has found its way into the eye of many opponents. Hussein is now in the Mid-Atlantic area signed under the tutelage of Gene Anderson.

All three Valiant brothers, "Handsome Jim", "Lusicous" John and "Gentlemam" Jerry, received a shot at the belt. All three were pinned; all without the kneedrop.

Tito Santana and Ivan Putski came to Bob's aid when he was brutally attacked by Bobby Duncum and Lou Albano.

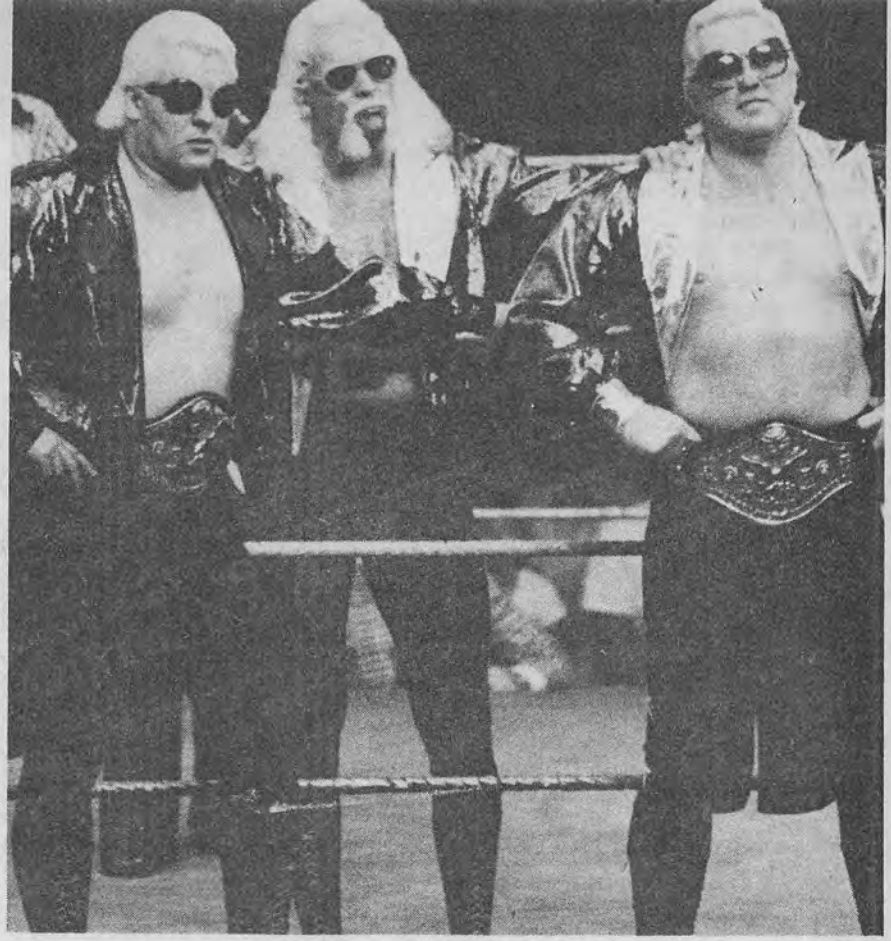


Nikolai Volkoff got his opportunity, but met defeat at Bob's hands.

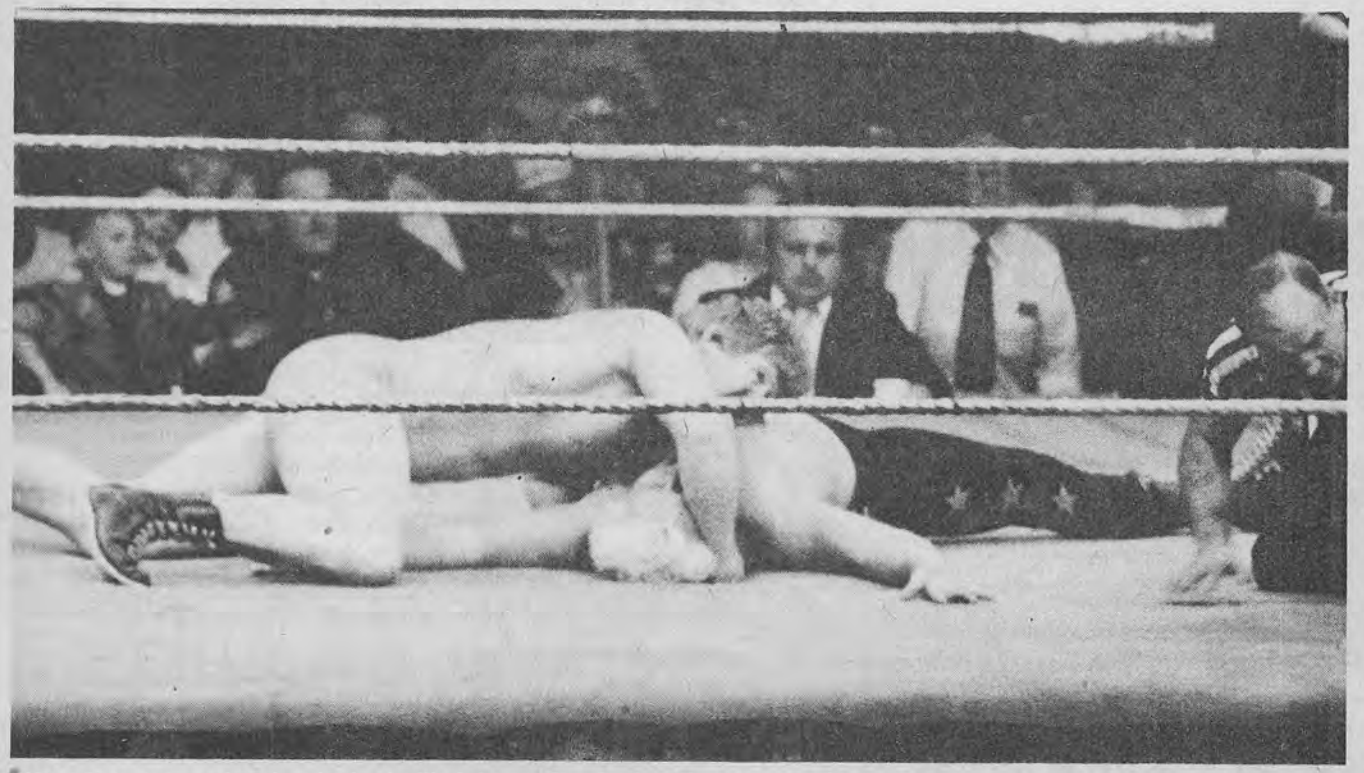
"Rawbone" Sweede Hansen got his shot at Bob's coveted title and the champ had so much trouble with the big man that Andre the Giant had to rush to Bob's aid.

Around this time, many of the prominent rulebreakers around the WWF declared that Bob Backlund was a "protected" champion. They said he was protected in his title tiffs by the referees and officials. He always managed, they proclaimed, to hold onto the title — every time just by the skin of his teeth. He always managed to have the bell ring, just as he was being polished off by some cruel maneuver. He always had the match called a draw because of a slight cut. Some said it was garbage, but many listened.

His next opponent was definitely his toughest. This man went all four title bouts at the Garden before a real winner was announced. This man was the brass knuckle-wielding champion of many regional titles, Pat Patterson. Bob said of Patterson: "Patterson has to be the roughest man in wrestling today. I've faced quite a few top men in my two years as champion, but Patterson has got to be the toughest. I've wrestled Race, Bockwinkle, Flair and the Sheik, but this man is the number one wres-



All three of the Valiant brothers — John, Jerry and Jimmy — have failed in attempts to dethrone Backlund.



Bob got revenge when he clashed with John again, pinning him after a spinesmasher had devastated Valiant.

tling contender in the world.''

Match one at the Garden: Patterson won the bout but not the belt, as the referee halted the match because Backlund was bleeding too profusely.

Match two at the Garden, July 30: The referee stopped the match and called it a draw as both men were beaten, and too tired to continue. The referee halted it at the 28-minute mark.

Match three at the Garden, August 27: Bob lifted Pat up for the spines-masher but as he was being hoisted up, his feet hit the referee and knocked him cold. When he came to, he saw both men battling furiously outside the ring. He began the final count as both men seemed deaf to the referee's final toll. Patterson realized what was happening, and opened Bob's head with a chair, just managing to beat the count. He was awarded the bout, but not the belt.

Match four at the Garden, September 24: The stunning and decisive cage match saw Bob Backlund land a knee-drop and walk out of the ring, bloody but not bowed. This was the end of Patterson, at least for a while.

Bobby Duncum, the tough Texas grappler, attacked both Bob and his manager, Arnold Skoaland, on TV, but couldn't steal the coveted gold belt from Backlund at the Garden.

So now, it's down to two men. One of these has already wrestled Bob earlier in his career for the belt. He is now in more awesome shape than ever before. He is ''The World's Strongest Human Being'', Ken Patera. He is now a more serious title threat than anyone so far.

The second man hails from Venice Beach, California. He possesses 24-inch biceps, a 38-inch waist and 38-inch thights. He stands 6'8'' tall and weighs a muscular 328 pounds. The women scream when he enters the ring, and the men yell with obvious envy. He is Hulk Hogan.

Either man could unseat Bob, and the fans wouldn't be surprised. The fans have possibly seen the last of Bob Backlund. He is a battered man. He could slip at any time and tumble toward the possible end of his career. A serious injury could do it, and there are many people out there who are willing and able to give him one. We'll all have to wait and see. He surprised us once by holding the title more than anyone expected; he could come out of this slump and reach new heights in wrestling. Let's watch. □

Fan of the month

A prince of a guy, and a sure-fire choice for WRESTLING REVUE "Fan of the Month" is the ever-popular Lou Edwards. Lou, a long-time New Yorker, will travel hundreds of miles for a good match, and is ever ready to cheer hard for all of his favorites.

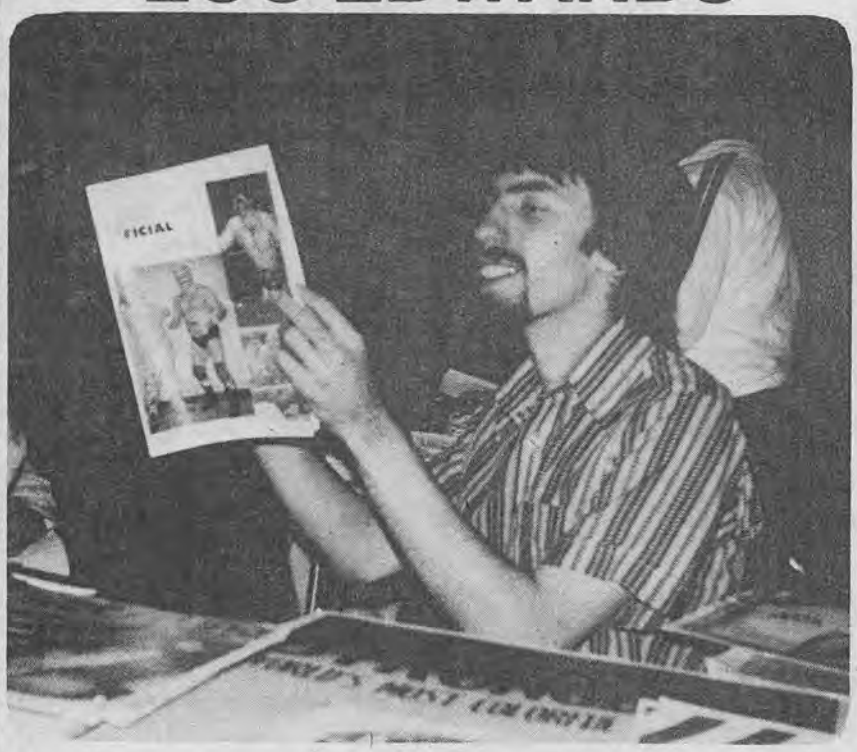
Lou is a popular WHBI-FM radio disc jockey in New York City, and is well remembered for his former Monday Night Wrestling Show on the same station. Lou's latest wrestling venture is a store dedicated to pro wrestling materials, opening in Brooklyn.

"This will be one-stop shopping for the true wrestling fan," laughs Lou. "We've got every wrestling magazine out, as well as photos, Rasslin' Wonders posters, programs, T-shirts, albums, and much more -- anything a fan could dream of!" Lou is a dedicated fella, and the store is an off-shoot of his dedication.

"Lou always has the inside scoop," advised one fan outside Madison Square Garden. "He's on the go, and in the know."

Lou plans to keep up his frenzied pace as long as possible, and you can find him at wrestling arenas anywhere.

LOU EDWARDS



Fan of the month, Lou Edwards, eagerly browses through a copy of Wrestling Wonders, one of his favorite mat magazines.

FAN CLUB column

Welcome to another edition of our Fan Club column. We invite all readers of this magazine to participate in this column by sending us any wrestling tidbits you would like to have printed. We are anxious to hear from all fan clubs and fan club members.

If you have something you would like to have published in this column please send it to: Fan Club Corner, in care of Wrestling Revue, Post Office Box 539 in Ridgefield, N.J. 07657. Our only request is that you remember to include a stamped self-adressed envelope to help us or anyone else you are writing to to make a speedy reply.

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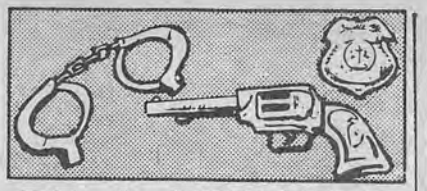

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bearhug. BRUNO, however, not wishing to hurt his protege, released it, throwing LARRY to the mat. BRUNO applied a number of other holds, including punishing arm bars and ringing headlocks, but voluntarily released them before ZBYZSKO would be hurt.

LARRY was now really upset -- his best shots were being thrown right off by BRUNO. LARRY again charged BRUNO, who flipped ZBYZSKO over the ropes and out of the ring.

ZBYZSKO was enraged. BRUNO, being the good sport that he is, then went over to lift the ropes so that LARRY could reenter.

At this point, LARRY was to stun everyone. Seeing that he could not go one-on-one against SAMMARTINO, he reentered with a foot to BRUNO's stomach, and began smashing and choking the man who was holding the ropes for his reentry. ZBYZSKO went wild on the surprised BRUNO. LARRY rammed him into the turnbuckles. He stomped away on BRUNO. ZBYZSKO then went out of the ring to grab a chair. When LARRY reentered, the ref tried to stop him. ZBYZSKO threw the ref over the top ropes, out into the crowd. ZBYZSKO belted the stricken BRUNO in the head with the chair, and BRUNO began bleeding profusely.

The fans were angered and shocked. They booed and screamed. Here was LARRY ZBYZSKO, who had gotten the match he wanted against the man who had devoted a portion of his life to him, smashing him with a chair. ZBYZSKO slammed BRUNO again with the chair, and the blood poured. After a third smash, ZBYZSKO left the ring and the arena. BRUNO, brutally beaten in the surprise attack, was carried from the ring.

LARRY ZBYZSKO, a fan favorite for so long, was now a hated man, having shown a horrible display of unprecedented ingratitude.

At this point, LARRY ZBYZSKO had better do some more thinking. Because the next time he faces BRUNO SAMMARTINO, there is little question that BRUNO will not relinquish the bearhugs and arm bars.

The fans are now solidly behind BRUNO. It looks as though LARRY ZBYZSKO may have painted himself into a corner, with no exits possible. ☐

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Lots of controversy these days being beamed across the nation and the world directly at World League Wrestling. First off, everybody wants a shot at the WLW World Championship belt currently held by LARS ANDERSON, and each contender wants no other to have a chance.

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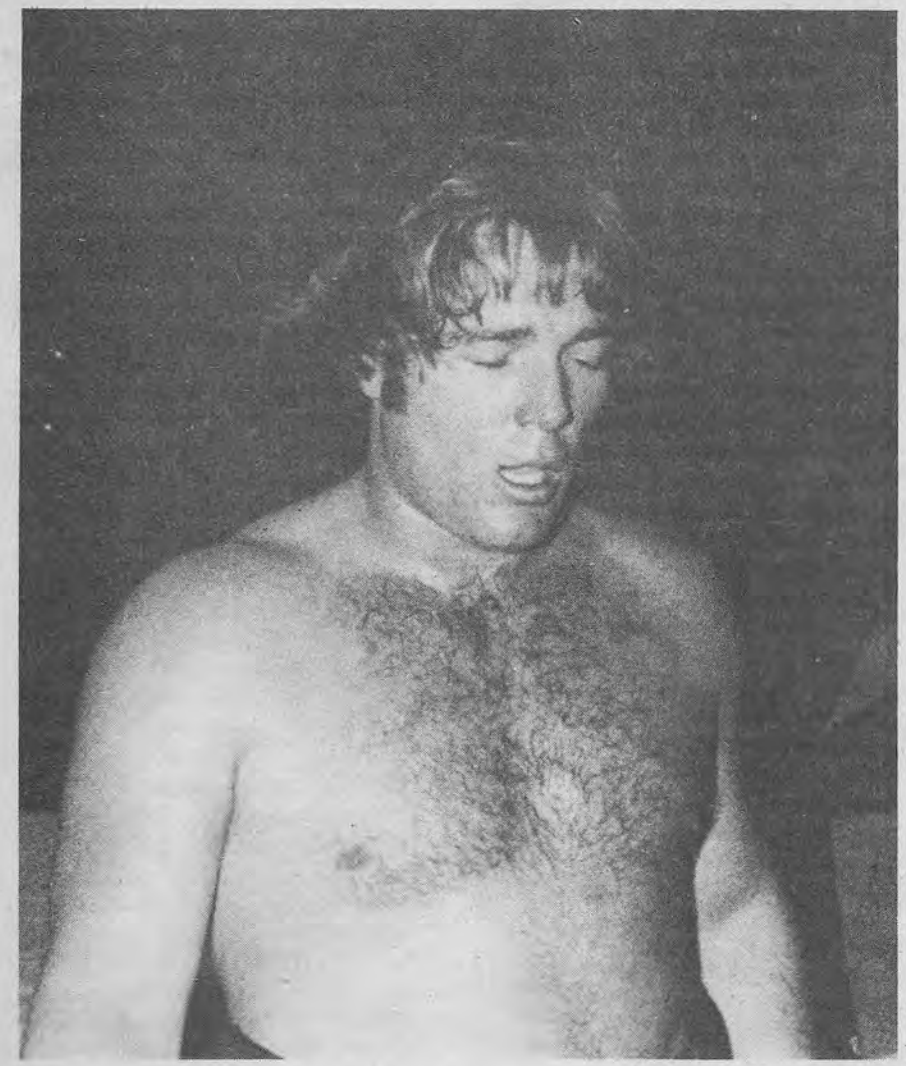

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Later the same evening, while JOEL BRUNO was engaged in a match of his own, an angry DR. X stormed the ring, with his tagteam partner DOUBLE X, and double-teamed Bruno. Thus, it has been one continuous melee after another. Net result, incidentally, is that DR. X, DOUBLE X, and BRUNO WERE ALL FINED $1500 apiece. BRUNO subsequently apologized to the viewing audience for interfering with the ANDERSON match, and DR. X was suspended. Moreover, BUFFONG was soon after awarded his match, with only the site to be negotiated.

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VICTOR RIVERA is still playing rough out West. Many fans are disappointed about VIC's tactics, after so many years of playing by the book... BAD NEWS ALAN COOAGE alternating between California and Japan... rumor has it that manager CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO has something up his sleeve again. You never know what LOU will be up to next.

SPYROS ARION at this writing still holding his own in Great Britain with his version of the world title. ARION has been in the Top 10 consistently for over a decade now. He alternates between superb wrestling and lots of rough stuff, which catches opponents off guard.

The incredible HULK HOGAN, managed by a gloating CLASSY FREEDIE BLASSIE, absolutely amazing fans on his tour. HOGAN is meeting and whupping the best, and is a true threat to any title wherever he goes.

Another report to WRESTLING REVUE on title changes, from correspondent Lenny Dauber. Buddy Rose and Chris Colt captured the Canadian Tag-team Championship, while the team of Gary Young and Gino Caruso have taken the Western States Tag-team Championship. The mid-Atlantic tag champs are George Goulas and Ken Lucas, while the popular duo of Brian St. John and Stan Laine took the Florida tag belts.

On the individual scene, the rough and tough Mark Lewin won the Texas Heavyweight Championship, and Ray Stevens is the new Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Champion. Steve Kiern won a version of the International Junior Heavyweight Championship. The American Dream, Dusty Rhodes, has copped the Bruss Knucks Title in Texas, one of the most brutal belts in all of pro wrestling.

Congratulations also to Terry Garay and Mike Hayes for winning the Mid-South Tag-team Championship in Louisiana, and to the Assassins for capturing one version of the Southern Tag-team Championship, as recognized in the Kentucky-Tenessee area. The "Universal Heartthrob", Austin Idol, lost his Georgia TV title to Steve Travis, but Idol regained it in the rematch using his Las Vegas leglock, a brutal version of the figure-4 legvine.

Big Bad Leroy Brown taking a version of the Southern Heavyweight Championship in Florida; Flying Fred Curry winning the W.W.C.W. Heavyweight belt in the Ohio Valley area; and the Avenger winning the Central States Heavyweight Championship.

Tiger Conway Jr. and Jose Lothario, a red-hot combo, won a version of the U.S. Tag-team Championship in Texas. Bob Sweetan has won the U.S. Championship, as recognized in California. The new Southeastern Gulf Champ is the talented Bob Armstrong. Kevin Von Erich took the Missouri State Heavyweight belt. The new World-Wide Sports Tag-team Champions in the Michigan-Ohio area are Luis Martinez and Mighty Igor, another popular duo. Congratulations to all of the new title-holders in the pro wrestling world.

Speaking of congratulations, congrats to Tommy "Wildfire" Rich for winning a loser-leave-town match over manager Bobby Heenan, causing Mr. Heenan to leave the state of Georgia. No doubt, Rich was quite happy, as were the fans, at getting rid of this thorn in his side.

More congrats to Cowboy Bill Watts, an all-time great competitor, for whisking away the North American Heavyweight Championship. Watts has been a top-rated contender now for years.

Bruno Sammartino wiping up competition wherever he wrestles. Recent

The reforming of a great team, Jack and Jerry Brisco.

victims include Nikolai Volkoff (three times), Big Swede Hansen, and the Great Hussain Arab of Iran. Now Bruno must deal with Larry Zbyzsko, as detailed in a special feature this issue.

It looks as though a real red-hot situation between two of wrestling's premier masked men is being resolved, for the time being, anyway. Two arch-rivals, The Masked Superstar, and the very popular fan favorite, Mr. Wrestling II, have been fighting over everything under the sun.

While Superstar was reigning Georgia Heavyweight Champion, and heard that Mr. Wrestling II was headed back to challenge him, he hired another wrestler to impersonate Mr. Wrestling II. The second Mr. Wrestling II showed up on the Atlanta circuit, and began losing a few bouts that one would not expect Mr. Wrestling II to lose. The real Mr. Wrestling II got wind of this, came back to Atlanta, and issued challenges to both men: Superstar, and Imposter Wrestling II.

Mr. Wrestling II first had a mask vs. mask match against the imposter, and won, unmasking the imposter as wrestler Joe Powers, who then claimed that Superstar put him up to the whole thing. Superstar denied the charges, and brutally attacked Powers after a TV match.

With the imposter out of the way, Mr. Wrestling II set his aim against Superstar, and was successful in not only flattening the Superstar, but capturing the coveted Georgia Heavyweight Championship.

Not only that, but Mr. Wrestling II also won a rematch in a steel cage, where the title was on the line, showing that he truly could upend Superstar. □

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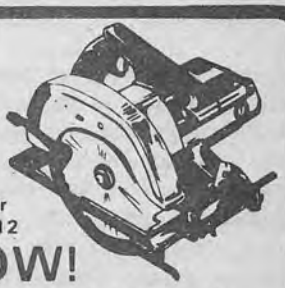

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FANTASY FIGHT

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to Bruno's ear. This is Ali's first sign of life in the round. But just as he begins to go on the offensive, the bell sounds signaling the end of the round.

Rounds 16 and 17

Ali, still fighting one-handed, begins to pick up a few points as some of his light jabs connect. Bruno has clearly begun to slow done. This is the first time Ali has ever gone past 15 rounds, but Bruno has never even been in a match of this nature before either.

Bruno is now very tired and Ali can almost land punches at will. Bruno's left eye is swollen to the point where it is almost shut. He is a sitting duck for Ali's right leads.

Round 18

Ali has never once given up in his entire career, but neither has Bruno. But clearly, both men cannot keep up this pace too much longer. They are exhausted. The fans can sense that something is in the air.

Ali continues to throw those devastating right leads. Bruno's face is now a sea of crimson red. It is a tribute to the man's character that he is still standing, let alone continuing to take such immense punishment from the greatest boxer who has ever lived. One of the fans yells to "stop the fight" as he is concerned for Bruno' future well-being.

Ali himself wants the referee to stop the fight, as he seems to be worried that he will cause some permanent damage to the living legend of wrestling. But when the fight is ordered to continue, Ali has no choice but to keep on punishing Bruno. Finally, a smashing right uppercut sends Bruno to the canvas. It seems absolutely impossible that he can get up before the count of ten.

"Four, five, six," counts the referre.

"Get up," yells S.D. Jones.

Bruno's eyes are glassy, and his legs are twitching. He is literally semiconscious, but the instincts that have grown inside his body for the last 25 years force him to get on his knees and struggle to his feet.

At the conut of "nine", Bruno is up, but he is definitely on "queer street".

The referee calls the fight doctor into the ring, and the doctor says he wants the fight stopped immediately. The referee also wants the fight stopped, but the commissioners at ringside insist that this is a "Texas Death" contest, and the match cannot be stopped for any reason. The fight is ordered to continue.

Ali is furious because he does not want to be responsible for inflicting any permanent damage to his opponent, but Bruno seeks no mercy. Having had a bit of time to shake the cobwebs off, Bruno charges at Ali, and connects with a magnificent left-right combination. Ali is temporarily stunned but the quick attack has only served to infuriate the great boxer.

Quick as a cat, Ali is all over Bruno. Again, Bruno is down, but this time the bell rings to save the great wrestler.

Round 19

Arnold Skoaland is emphatically working on his dazed fighter. Bruno is barely responding to the invigorating massage applied to the body. He doesn't seem to know where he is. If this were not a Texas Death match, the fight surely would be stopped — and for just cause. Bruno is a beaten man at this point. There appears to be a lot of confusion in Bruno's corner as he is not responding to treatment. The blood is still flowing down his entire face. Dusty Rhodes is in tears as he tries to revive his friend. But it doesn't look very promising.

The bell sounds and Bruno gallantly struggles off his stool and out into the center of the ring.

Ali is still in his corner and, all of a sudden, Bruno collapses in mid-ring. Skoaland and Dusty rush to Bruno's aid and carry him back to his corner. Ali is looking on in total amazement. Skoaland sits Bruno on his stool and again begins to apply medical treatment. The referee demands that Skoaland leave the ring and let the fight continue. Bruno's instincts tell him to go out in to the ring and continue the fight, but Skoaland will not let him go. Arnie is holding Bruno down and will not let him go.

The ref starts counting. Arnie Skoaland is determined to have the fight stopped as he is clearly thinking about Bruno's well-being and Bruno's life. Bruno pleads for the fight to go on but Skoaland will have no part of it. Just as Eddie Futch would not let Joe Frazier out of his corner to face Ali in the fifteenth round of their "Thriller in Manila", Arnie Skoaland is not letting Bruno out of the corner.

That's is... the fight is all over. Bruno does not return to the ring by the count of ten, and Muhammad Ali is declared the official winner.

Ali comes over to Bruno's corner and congratulates him on a remarkable fight. Both men are exhausted, Bruno even more so than Ali.

What a fight! Eighteen fast and furious rounds of nonstop action. But when it was all over, Muhammand Ali stood victorious. Ali has proved to the world that he is the real "living legend". But certainly, nothing can be taken away from Bruno Sammartino. He put on one of the greatest performances of all time. Bruno has proved that he too is more than worthy of the title of "living legend". Yes, these two men have demonstrated that they both are the very best at what they do. Nothing can be taken away from either man.

Muhammad Ali has won this time; but who knows what would happen if these two great battlers were to meet again in a rematch? Only the computer knows for sure. Well have a follow-up report in the next issue.

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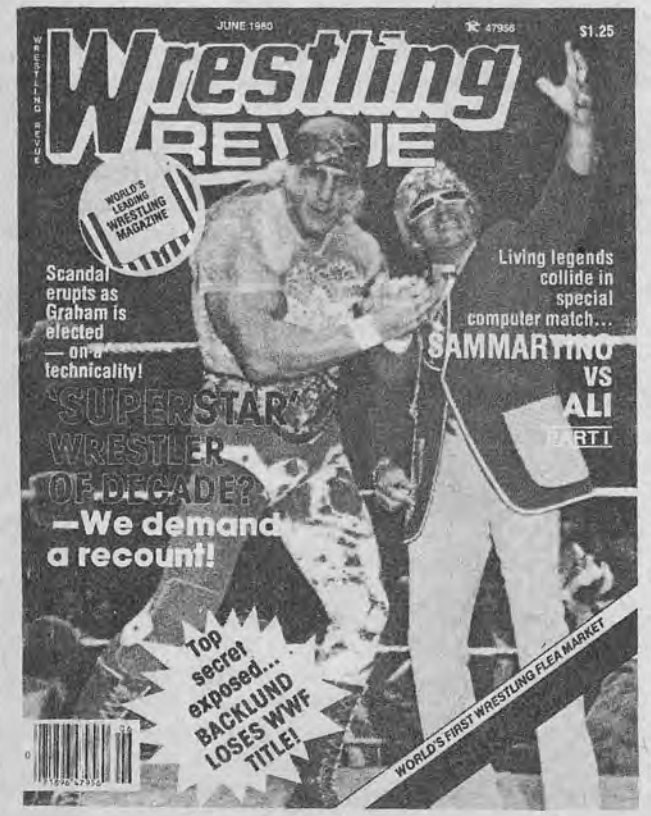

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Wrestling Revue mailbag

NO-GOOD

Editors:

That no-good Billy Graham. He did it again. I think the votes should be recounted because somehow or other, that miserable Graham changed the votes. How could anybody ever defeat Bruno Sammartino in such a contest? Bruno is the greatest wrestler who ever lived and Superstar Graham knows it. Tell Billy Graham that he doesn't deserve the award. Bruno could beat him any day and Bruno would never stoop so low as to try and stick his hands into the voting methods.

Ben Hill
Miami, Florida

SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM

GUTSY

Editors:

I think you made a gutsy selection when you chose Superstar Billy Graham as the wrestler of the decade. Superstar deserves the award because no other man so dominated the sport as did the Star during the past 10 years. Personally, I don't think Superstar has anything to do with the balloting, because he is a very classy person. Superstar Billy Graham sure gets my vote.

C.Q. Link
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Editors' Note: We have received an incredible amount of mail on this subject. We are still investigating the possibility that Graham was directly involved in the balloting, and we will have a full report in our next issue.

CONGRATS!

Editor:

I want to extend my congratulations to Jay Rosen for his timely selection as Fan Of The Month. I have known Jay for quite a few years now, and he is a living tribute to wrestling fans all over the country. Keep up the good work and tell Jay we all love him.

J. Mack
New York

NEW MAN

Editors:

You guys should write a story on Pat Patterson. He is a new man now that he is no longer associated with that wild man Lou Albano. Pat has seen the light and I am sure that he is sincere in his new ways. Pat, you should be commended on making such a wise decision.

K.C. Steiner
Baltimore, Md.

BRUNO FAN

Editor:

That computer fight between Bruno Sammartino and Muhammad Ali is really great. I can't wait to see who wins. I hope Bruno beats him because Bruno is my favorite. How about doing a series of computer fights, maybe a different one each month?

Edward Warton
Houston, Texas

Editor's note: We would really love to, Ed. But the problem is that the incredible amount of research necessary to conduct a computer fights takes nearly two years to assemble, and the technical knowledge needed is overwhelming. But we will try to have at least a few more of these fantasy fights within the coming years. Which fighters would you like to see matched up?

TWO MANIACS

Editors:

I just got back from seeing the Samoans wrestle Tito Santana and Ivan Putski. These two maniacs should be banned from wrestling. They are the most despicable people I have ever seen. They used every foul tactic imaginable. They act as if they are from another planet. They should not be allowed to compete in the wrestling world. Something should be done before they seriously hurt one of their opponents.

Lefty Rimerez
Boston, Mass.

TOP 100

Editors:

I really enjoyed your last issue, particularly the ratings. I think it's a great idea to rate the top 100 instead of just the top ten. Why not do a special feature and rate the top 100 wrestlers of all time?

Barry Banghaert
Chicago, Ill.

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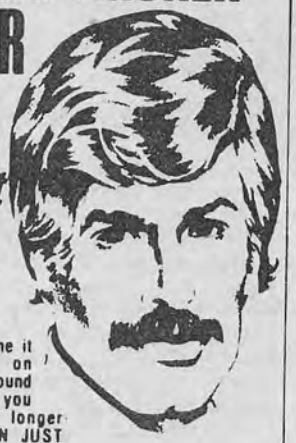

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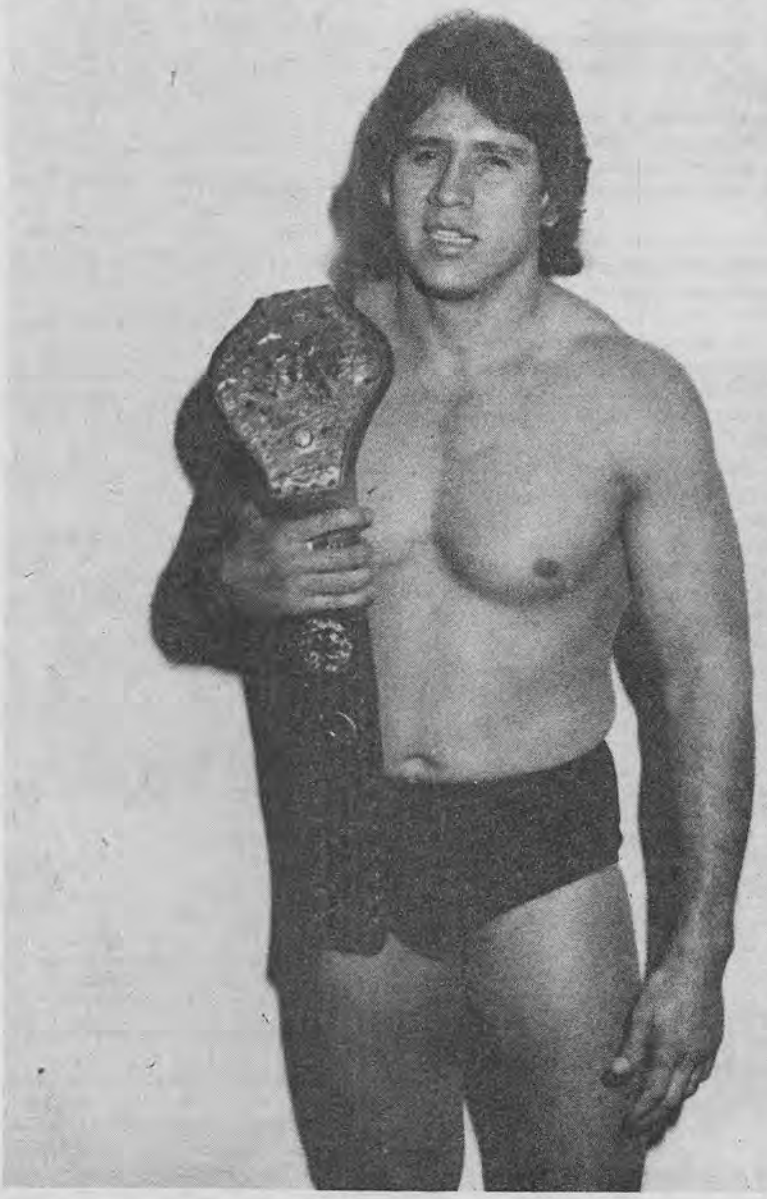
because of his muscularity, courage, quickness, desire or good looks, Tito Santana has risen to the top.

The climb to the top wasn't easy for Tito. "Mil Mascaras was my idol back in Mexico," states Tito. "Mil was instrumental in my decision to turn pro. After I turned pro, I saw the great success he had over in the United States so I decided to give it a try. I knew that the Worldwide Wrestling Federation had the best talent in the world. It was just something I had to prove to myself. If I was going to be a top wrestler, I wanted the best competition."

And prove it he did! Not only did he defeat such top wrestlers as Stan Stasiak, Bob Duncan, Nicolai Volkoff and Baron Saclin, he also captured the World Wrestling Tag Team title and has successfully defended it on numerous occasions.

"The night Ivan and I captured the belts from those Valiants was the happiest moment in my life," recalls Tito. It took me two weeks just to convince myself it really happened and wasn't a dream."

No, Tito, it is not a dream. You have indeed risen to the top. We at *Wrestling Revue* wish you all the luck--but we know you don't need luck. You have all the skill to be the next "living legend" of wrestling. Keep it up, Tito! □



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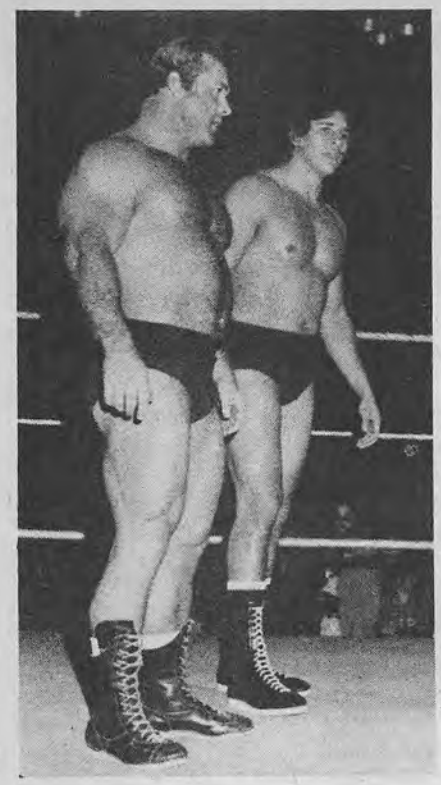

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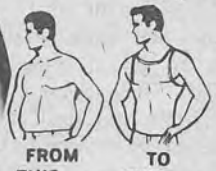

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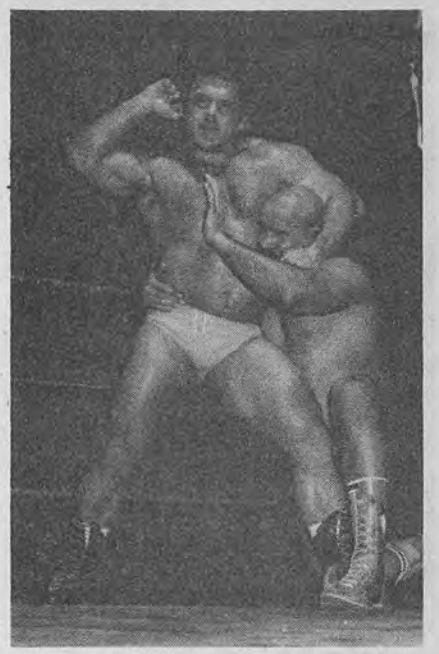

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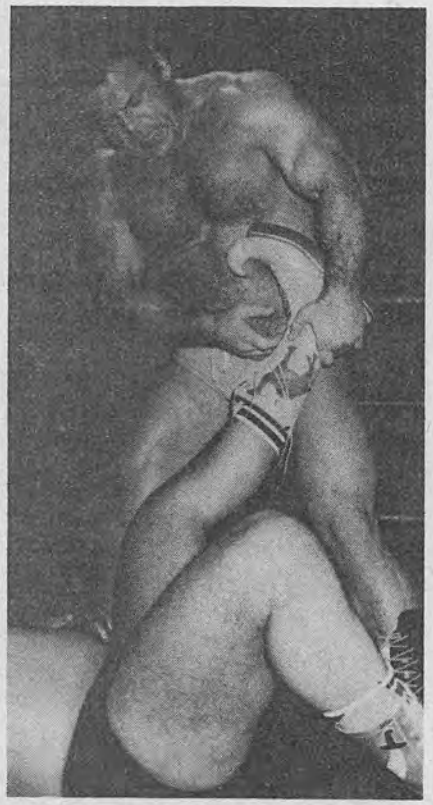
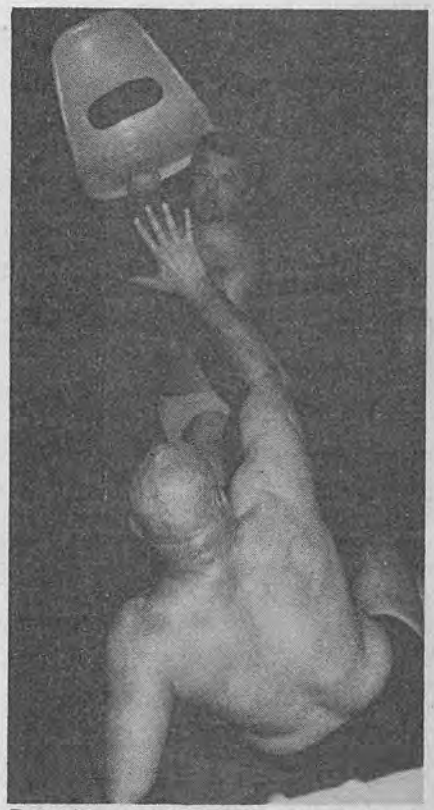


Putski goes to work on the Arab's dreaded boot after being stomped viciously.



Putski has had enough of the Iranian's tactics and decides to go after him with a chair. Ivan smashes the Arab unconsious, but gets himself disqualified for his efforts. The winner of this great bout: Hussain the Arab!!

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and Vietnam, it became popular to dislike first the Nazis and then the Orientals. Knowing this, many wrestlers sought to play up to the war -insired hatred of the crowd. There were, at one time or another, Mikko The Mongol, The Gorky Brothers, Fuji-san and Sato-san, Mr. Moto, and Kurt Von Steinger to insult the Phoenix fans and provoke them to attend the matches week after week, in hope of seeing the baddies lose.

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Tito Montez was still around at the end, but his rivals from the past were gone. Don Arnold, his most hated enemy, had long since retired and opened a wrestling school in California. In his place he had left a nephew, Jody Arnold, who would continue the family tradition of despising all Latin wrestlers, but particularly Montez.

While his long career lasted, Tito Montez had been the state's greatest hero, his name running almost simultaneously with the Garden's. He had held the Arizona state title more times than any other man, was a former World Tag Team Champion with Armon Hussain, and a three-time Western States Tag Team Champion.

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Montez, like so many others, remembers the many friendships, feuds, and double-crosses that took place at the Garden, most of which he was involved in. His feud with the gigantic Bearcat Wright — a man who possessed such a powerful claw hold, he would come on television and demonstrate his strength by crushing apples and tearing telephone books in half — is still remembered as an absolute bloodbath. In 1969, Montez finally ran the big Negro grappler out of town, after defeating him in a Texas Death Match and regaining the Arizona State Title for what seemed the hundredth time.

Never one to be a pacifist, Montez quickly found others to feud with, including the team of Chris Colt and Ron Dupree, whom he tried to defeat using a number of different partners, including Ron Pritchard, Bob Lueck, Killer Kane, Cowboy Bob Yuma, Al Madril, Eddie Lopez, and even his arch-enemy, Kurt Von Steiger. Their matches almost always wound up in double disqualifications, with all four men bleeding from cuts caused by fists, flying furniture and foreign objects.

Marcial Bovee, the controversial advisor to Mike Gordon, Jody Arnold and other villains. He began his career as arena photographer before going straight and becoming a wrestling manager.

"Colt's crazy," Montez commented once, after a bout with the wild hippie in which he'd received a five-inch gash, thanks to a cowboy spur which had been smuggled into the ring. "The fans like him, though, because he gives them action. They come to see him get beat, but he still draws their attention. His unpopularity is the secret to his success, just like popularity is the secret to mine."

Not all feuds involved Montez, though most of them must have. In fact, Tito had so many rivals that rulebreakers like Tony Hernandez and Jody Arnold would make jokes about the popular Mexican's ability to take punishment. Arnold made the worst of these jokes, commenting that if he ever saw Tito Montez on the street, he wouldn't recognize him, because he'd never seen him without blood on his face!

Blood was always a factor which drove fans wild in Phoenix, at times to the point of rioting. The feud between Hercules Stevenson, the arrogant, muscle-flexing Canadian, and popular Cowboy Bob Yuma was another to both sicken and fascinate the fans as they looked on in horrified awe. These two met in over forty matches, all of them bloody and without a clear-cut, proven decision taking place.

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Yuma, like Montez, lamented the Gaden's closing. "I wrestled my first match there," he said. "I participated in a lot of action in that little arena, both with and against the best in the Southwest. Tito, The Lumberjacks, Jody Arnold, Ed Blair, Johnny Ringer, Flying Billy Anderson, Freddie Gomez, the late Ron Dupree. The list goes on and on. Whenever I drive past the Garden now, I feel sick. I remember when I wrestled there, won my belts there, met Hercues Stevenson there. I remember what the Garden was and hate to think of what it's now become."

Perhaps Yuma's sentiments may be better understood when you consider that he was a participant in the very last bout to ever take place in the Phoenix Madison Square Garden. In that match, he defeated John Ringer to regain the Arizona State Championship for the final time. One can picture the defeated ex-champ's reaction when he learned that the arena would be closed and he'd have to wait until a new promoter took over in Arizona, before a rematch could be signed.

He didn't have to wait for long, however, with Bob Yuma himself getting into promoting. But as of this writing, he has yet to present a show in Phoenix — ironically enough, because of the lack of a building.

I thought of this too, as I looked at the crumbling garden. It had withstood the critics, the riots, and even the death of a wrestler, Big Jim Wright, behind its arena walls. Wright, like so many others, had come to Phoenix to settle some old scores, but wound up dying from an elbow smash to the throat. Death and life! It's part of the world we live in — as well as part of wrestling history, which has been made at the Garden.

The names! They went on and on, as did the gimmicks. Mike Gordon, the self-proclaimed maniac, who claimed he was championship material while playing with a cap pistol before his bouts or gnawing on a piece of wood. Tony Hernandez stealing hot dogs from the fans who booed him, then gulping

The Golden Hawk was the only rival Montez had for the title of Arizona's most popular wrestler.

them down whole before they could protest. Slobbering, Mikko The Mongol, who talked in gibberish and brought a chain into the ring with him before every bout, hoping the man he was pitted against would have the courage to accept a chain match with him.

The good guys like Montez, Bob Yuma, Bob Ellis, and Nano Ortega; the bad guys like the Arnolds, Hercules Stevenson, and Gorgeous George were nothing but memories, confined to the walls of the Garden, which now stood silently, like a winter night. Even the crazies, like Chris Colt and Ron Dupree, were part of the story. They, like everyone else, had made the silence come alive, to echo with cheers, boos, and catcalls, from the frenzied crowd.

Ron Dupree. He was dead too, like so many others who had appeared at the Garden. His career had ended there, with a heart attack which forced his retirement from active wrestling for good. Afterward, he split with his alleged brother, Chris Colt, and went to Washington, where his heart would fail for good, in the Tacoma Arena, as he finished announcing a match. The Garden was still active when news of his death reached Arizona, bringing tears to the eyes of his former friends and enemies alike.

"It seems fair in a way," one fan said, remembering the times when

Dupree and Colt deliberately cancelled higher-paying contracts, in order to stay in Phoenix to wrestle. "After year upon year of abuse, the public realized in death what they'd missed about Ronnie in life. He gave his all for the fans, particularly the Phoenix fans, although they hated him for his dirty style. It seems right that he should die in a wrestling ring, since wrestling was his life and, believe it or not, his first love. Now he's gone too, like Gorgeous George, Big Jimmy Wright, and Wild Red Berry. I just wonder now, who death's going to strike next."

Little did anyone know that death's next victim would not be a person, but Madison Square Garden itself. Three years after Ron Dupree's tragic death in Tacoma, the tiny brick arena he had helped to fill on so many occasions would follow him in death.

When you were out in the parking lot, you could still hear the cheers when the Garden was booming. During title fights, you could hear the noise of the excited fans more than a block away. Now, those very same walls were silent, seeming to mock me from somewhere in a distant memory, while an occasional car drove past, without even bothering to slow down. But then, why should they? There was no more wrestling in the building, no more posters to read, blaring the name of the wrestler who would head the all-star Friday card. The Garden was dead and it would never be reborn.

With that final thought in mind, I no longer wanted to stay and stare at the fallen arena. Who wanted to remember the Garden as it was now? The past was so much better. That's where I'd keep my thoughts when it came to remembering the little pink arena that the experts said wouldn't survive more than a decade, but which proved them all wrong.

I had one more stop to make on my trip and that was to Cowboy Bob Yuma's home, to deliver the programs for the show he was running in Santa Rosa the following week. I caught a quick glimpse of them piled in the front seat as I cast a final, fleeting look at the Garden before pulling into the street. Then I smiled to myself, while reassurance filled my mind and wiped away some of my depressed thoughts.

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN (Correspondent: Ron Grau) —
Harley Race topped Dusty Rhodes when bout was stopped due to blood; Bob Backlund upended Bob Duncum; Antonio Inoki flattened Great Hossein Arab; Ivan Putski & Tito Santana turned back Vic Rivera & Swede Hansen; Pat Patterson pinned Dom DeNucci; Ricky Hoshun & his tag partner downed Jo Jo Andrews & Bad News Alan Cooage; Larry Zbyzsko whipped Bulldog Brower; Tatsumi Fujinami defeated Johnny Rivera; Hulk Hogan bested Dino Bravo.

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (Correspondent: Jeff Bukantz) —
Bruno Sammartino scored over Bob Duncum via disqualification; The Samaoans bounced Dom. DeNucci & Gorilla Monsoon; Tito Santana surprised Dave O'Hannon; Pat Patterson whipped Bulldog Brower; Jose Estrada too much for Angelo Gomes; Hulk Hogan won a handicap bout from Joe Mascara & Steve King.

TOKUSHINA, JAPAN (Correspondent: Koichi Koshizama) —
Mil Mascaras & Dos Caras over Tor Kamata & Kim Duk; Mr. Wrestling and the Masked Strangler ousted Wahoo McDaniel & Frank Hill; Dory Funk Jr. drew Jumbo Tsuruta; Giant Baba vs. Abdullah The Butcher a no-contest; Toguchi flattened Ricky Hata; Tenruyu & Takachicho drew with Okuma & Kojika.

HARRISBURG, PA. —
Bob Backlund bounced Bulldog Brower; Davey O'Hannon whipped Joe Mascara; Swede Hansen took Ted Dibiase; Mike Masters shook Steve King; Tito Santana via disq. over Jerry Valiant; Dom DeNucci outclassed Johnny Rodz.

PUEBLO, COLORADO —
Super Destroyer and J.J. Dillon gunned down Ricky Romero and Larry Laine; Gino Caruso put down Randy Morse; Gary Young yanked Gypsy Joe; Ricky Dozen pounced Alex Perez.

LOS ANGELES, CAL. —
Alan Cooage bumped Amando Guerrerro; Big Ben via count-out over Bull Ramos; Vic Rivera on disq. over Mil Mascaras; Chava Guerrerro decisioned Pat Patterson; Al Madril and Carlos Mata bested the Twin Devils.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS —
Eddie Gilbert bested the Beast; Ed Wiskowski jumped Frank Hill; Avenger drew the Turk; The Assassin and Rock Hunter repelled Dick Murdock and Bob Brown.

HIGHLAND PARK, N.J. —
Ivan Putski scored on disq. over Swede Hansen; Davey O'Hannon pinned Moose Monroe; Great Hussain Arab took Dom DeNucci; Johnny Valiant vs Chief Jay Strongbow a draw; Ted DiBiase beat Jimmy Valiant; Tito Santana over Bulldog Brower.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI —
Kevin and David Von Erich surprised Harley Race and Dick Murdock; Pat O'Conner over Bruiser Bordy via disq.; Dick the Bruiser hammered Lord Al Hayes; Bobo Brazil drew Ed Wiskowski; Bob Brown vs. Tom Andrews ended in a double count-out; Ron Etchison and Eddie Gilbert over Gama Singh and Billy Howard.

BATON ROUGE, LA. —
Cowboy Bill Watts decisioned Mike George via in-ring count-out; Mike Sharpe vs. Bob Sweetan a double count-out; Terry Gordy and Mike Hayes shook Stan Hansen and Charlie Cook;

Buck Robley on disq. over Junkyard Dog; Dizzy Golden spun Jonathan Boyd; Gene Lewis the winner over Steve Hall.

PITTSBURGH, PA. —
Bruno Sammartino stopped Pat Patterson; Ivan Putski and Tito Santana dumped Johnny and Jerry Valiant; Great Hussain ousted Ted Dibiase; Johnny DeFazio flattened Jim Grabmire; Dom DeNucci put down Jo Jo Andrews; Red Demon bumped Billy Berger.

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA —
Manny Fernandez vs. Harley Race a double count-out; Bugsy McGraw and Leroy Brown over Bubba Douglas and Dusty Rhodes; Jack and Jerry Brisco won via disq. over Brian St. John and Stan Laine; Super Destroyer pounced Steve Kiern; Gordon Nelson over the Gestapo; Mike Miller dumped Bill Irwin; Don Serrano drew Rual Mata.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND —
Bob Backlund drew Pat Patterson; Davey O'Hannon stomped Steve King; Swede Hansen halted Dom DeNucci; Putski & Santana over the Valiants, Jerry and Johnny; Johnny Rodz over Mike Masters.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. —
Nick Bockwinkle versus The Crusher — a double disqualification; Super Destroyer Mark 2 beat Dino Bravo; Mad Dog Vachon too much for Super Destroyer Mark 3; Buddy Wolfe whipped Ron Ritchie; Greg Gagne & Steve Olanowsky put down Jesse Ventura and Adrian Adonis; Buck Zumholl bounced Sandor Szabo.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN —
Don Kent over Gino Brito in a steel cage match; Chief Jay Strongbow decisioned Ernie Ladd; Dick Murdock hammered Billy Martinez; the Wildman too wild for Mike Kelly; Rick Davidson scored over Lumberjack Frazier; Al Costello outfoxed Bob Colt; John Davidson scored against Bob Fulton; Strongbow also over Luke Graham; Mighty Igor trounced the Turk; John Binello over Pat Kelly; The Wolfman ate up John Ruffini; in a 10-man tag, The Turk, Pat Kelly, Mike Kelly, Rick Davidson and John Davidson downed Al Costello, Wolfman, The Wildman, Lumberjack Frazier and John Binello.

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Ricky Steamboat and Jay Youngblood belted Paul Jones and Baron Von Rashkel; Ray Stevens downed Jim Brunzell; Abe Jacobs over Dave Patterson; Frank Lane took Ron Sexton; Leroy Dargan beat Frank Monti; Johnny Weaver and Rufus R. Jones stopped Dewey Robertson and Steve Muslin.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. —
Bruno Sammartino whipped Great Hussain Arab; Ivan Putski hammered Johnny Valiant; Jo Jo Andrews downed Billy Berger; Johnny DeFazio bested Rocky Tamayo; Dom DeNucci beat Jimy Grabmire.

NASHVILLE, TENN. —
Jackie Fargo over Jerry Lawler on disq.; Bob Eaton over Ken Lucas; Larry Latham and Wayne Farris repelled Roger Howell and Bruce Cook; Crazy Luke Graham drew Dutch Mantell; Gypsy Joe jolted Danny Davis; Hector Guerrerro over Sputnik Montoe Jr.

TAMPA, FLORIDA —
Bobo Brazil and Manny Fernandez via disq. over Leroy Brown and Bugsy McGraw; Jack Brisco whipped Brian St. John: Super Destroyer the winner over Steve Kiern; Bubba Douglas shook Mr. Sakuruda; Gordon Nelson drew the Gestapo; Don Serrano won out over Mike Miller.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA —
Ron Starr stumped Brian Blair; Jim Garvin and Herb Calvert scored over Scandor Akbar and Oki Shikina; Cowboy Lang and Lone Eagle topped Billy the Kid and Tiny Tom; Don Bass busted Don Factor; Steve Lawler outlasted Ron McFarlin.

McKESSPORT, PA —
Dom DeNucci drew Great Hussain Arab; Gorilla Monsoon pressed Jo Jo Andrews; Ivan Putski hammered Johnny Valiant; Ron Lee trounced Billy Berger; Toni Altomare outfoxed the Red Demon.

WHEELING, WEST VA. —
Gorilla Monsoon shook Jim Grabmire; Tony Altimore on disq. over Jo Jo Andrews; Ron Lee bested Billy Berger; Johnny DeFazio vs. Rocky Tamayo a double count-out; Ivan Putski over Great Hussain Arab via count-out of the ring; Dom DeNucci dumped Johnny Valiant.

KNOXVILLE, TENN. —
Dick Slater dropped the Superstar; Bob Armstrong downed Masked Angel; Karl Kox upset Tommy Rich; Carl Fergi over Chic Donavan; Jerry Roberts and Buzz Sawyer overcame Bobby Jaggers and Ox Baker; Dave Schults and Dennis Condry topped Tony Atlas and Paul Orndoff; Bob Armstrong and Dick Slater were also the winners of a two-ring battle royal.

TORONTO, CANADA —
Bob Backlund scored over Pat Patterson; Jimmy Snuka and Ray Stevens beat out Dewey Robertson and Ric Flair; Johnny Weaver too much for Frank Monti; Sweet Daddy Siki flattened John Forsythe; Billy Red Lyons defeated John Bernando; Andre the Giant took the Destroyer and Brute Bernard.

DALLAS, TEXAS —
Mark Lewin stopped Fritz Von Erich; David and Kevin Von Erich turned back Mr. Hito and Mr Sakuruda; Kerry Von Erich whipped the Spoiler; Les Thornton downed Killer Tim Brooks; Jonathan Boyd over Scandor Akbar.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND —
Bob Backlund topped Pat Patterson in a Lumberjack match; Davey O'Hannon pinned Joe Mascara; Bulldog Brower overpowered Mike Masters; Johnny Rodz too much for Angelo Gomes; Jose Estrada flipped Ben Ortiz; Andre the Giant, Larry Zbyzsko, Dom DeNucci, and Tito Santana won an eight-man tag bout from John Valiant, Jerry Valiant, Jimmy Valiant, and Swede Hansen.

HARRISBURG, PA. —
Andre the Giant flattened Swede Hansen; Davey O'Hannon defeated Jimmy Valiant; Larry Zbyzsko and Bulldog Brower were both disqualified; Johnny Rodz put down Angelo Gomes; Jose Estrada topped Joe Mascara; Nikolai Volkoff punished Mike Masters.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA —
Dick the Bruiser and Spike Huber bounced Paul Christy and Bobby Heenan; Moose Cholak bumped Bobo Brazil; Tiny Hampton stopped Dutch Savage; Jerry Graham Jr. drew Bobo

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Brazil; The Cuban Assassin trounced Greg Lake; Wilbur Snyder bested Ox Baker; Bruiser Brody over Greg Lake as well; Jose Martinez upset the Black Saint; Bonnie Love downed Alice Cooper.

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA —
Dusty Rhodes vs. Leroy Brown double disqualification; Mike Graham downed the Super Dstroyer; Brian St. John and Stan Laine vetoed Steve Kierne & Don Diamond; Manny Fernandez bested Bugsy McGraw; Gordon Nelson repelled Rick Oliver; Bubba Douglas pelted Terry Taylor; Rick Slinkler pounded Don Serrano.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA —
Ivan Koloff & Alexis Smirnoff overcame thunderbolt Patterson and Ole Anderson; Abdullah the Butcher beat Tony Atlas; Bob Backlund pinned Kevin Sullivan; The Superstar took Dick Slater; Austin Idol defeated Ric Flair; Mighty Kahn drew Bob Armstrong; Bruiser Bordy drew Toru Tanaka; Tommy Rich and Ray Candy beat Ernie Ladd & Ox Baker; in a steel cage match, Mr. Wrestling II once and for all dumped the Imposter Mr. Wrestling II, who was unmasked as Joe Powers; on the same card, Kevin Sullivan and Austin Idol were winners in the two-ring battle royal.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY —
Buddy Wayne ousted Steve Regal; Ricky and Robert Gibson victorious over Assassin 1 and Buddy Wayne; Rick Morton and Big Red Reese over Sonny King and Tojo Yamoto; Jerry Jarrett and Ken Lucas topped Jerry Hart and Jerry Lawler.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. —
Bob Eaton flipped George Goulas; Larry Latham and Wayne Farris took Luke Graham and Gypsy Joe; Dutch Mantell and Len Lucas over Dave Schultz and Dennis Condor; Tojo Yamoto dumped Roger Howell; The French Angel scored over Hector Guerrero; Ginger the Wrestling Bear the winner against Bob Boyette; Danny Davis drew Coco Ware.

DENVER, COLORADO —
Mad Dog Vachon and Verne Gagne over Super Destroyers no. 2 and no. 3; Greg Gagne won over Buddy Wolfe; Dino Bravo too much for Randy Morse; Ray Stevens & Adrian Adonis took the Crusher & Steve Olsonowsky.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS —
Don Diamond downed Tom Pritchard; Mark Ledwin over Les Thornton; Sweet Brown Sugar drew Tim Brooks; David Von Erich over the Spoiler via disqualification.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA —
Brian Blair put down Ron Starr; Oki Shikina topped Jim Garvin; Herb Calvert the victor against Steve Lawler; Sigfried Stienke a bit much for Jim Marshall; Bruce Reed won over Ron McFarlin; Don Bass vs. Ted Heath ruled a draw.

PORTLAND, OREGON —
Roddy Piper bested Buddy Rose; Rick Mantell stopped Butch Miller; Chris Colt wipped Eric Froelich; King Parsons via disqualification over rough Frank Dusek; Yaki Joe drew Luke Williams, while Stan Stasiak drew Ron Bass.

LANDOVER, MARYLAND —
Bob Backlund turned back Jerry Valiant; Bob Duncum flattened Ted DiBiase; Davey O'Hannon whipped Frank Williams; Larry Zbyzsko won on disqualification over Bulldog Brower; Dom DeNucci too much for Johnny Valiant; Gorilla Monsoon chopped down Johnny Rodz; Swede Hansen overcame Mike Masters; Tito Santanna surprised Jimmy Valiant; Nikolai Volkoff popped Jose Estrada; Great Hussain Arab beat Johnny Rivera; on the same card, the three Valiant Brothers, Jimmy, Jerry, and Johnny, split the victory in a battle royal.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS —
The Assassin over N.W.A. Champ Harley Race on disqualification; Ron McFarlin took Ringo; The Beast bit Gama Singh; Eddie Gilbert took Mike Blood; Bob Brown the winner over Bill Howard; Ed Wiskowski & The Avenger topped Rock Hunter and Tank Patton.

WINNIPEG, CANADA —
Nick Bockwinkle vs. Andre the Giant a double count-out; Billy Robinson upset Super Destroyer Mark 2; Mad Dog Vachon ate up Lord Al Hayes; Adrian Adonis & Jesse Ventura took Paul Ellering and Steve Olanowsky; Greg Gagne beat Buddy Wolfe; Super Destroyer Mark 3 put back Sandor Szabo; Ricky Hunter beat Ron Ritchie. □

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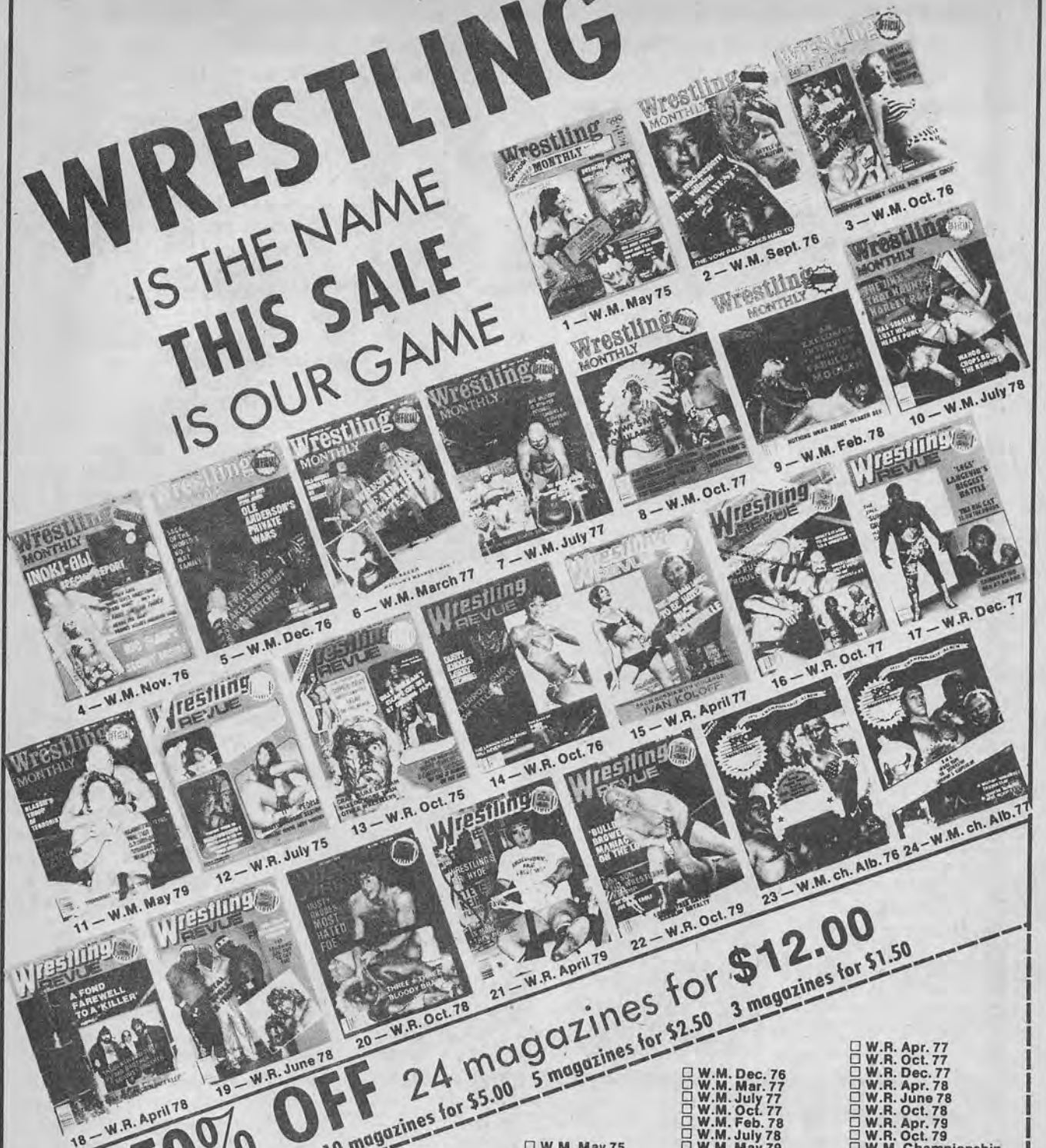

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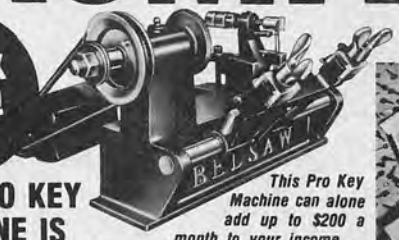

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